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JOURNAL OF CAPTAIN ISAAC GUION, MILITARY AND CIVIL GOVERNOR OF THE MISSISSIPPI TERRITORY. 1798-1799.

Letter of 2d Sept. 1797. To G. Wilkinson Esqr.

No 1. Letter of the 15 June 1797 from Thos. Power Esqr
. 2 do. of the 13 July " Salem " Salem
. 3 do. of the 16 July " Thos. Power
. 4 do. of the 24 July " To the Secty. of War
. 5 do. of the 25 July " From Andrew Ellicott
. 6 do. of the 1 Augt. To the Baron De Carondelet
. 7 do. of the 1 Augt. To Governor Gayoso.
. 8 do. of the 4 Augt. To Lieutenant T. Power.
. 9 do. of the 24 Augt. To Lieutenant C. Pike.
. 10 do. of the 24 Augt. To Andrew Ellicott. Esqr.
. 11 do. of the 27 Augt. To General on Chief Gayoso.
. 12 do. of the 4 Sept. To Major J. Wilkinson

Monthly return for Augt. 2 Do. for July & Augt for Provisions to the 1 Sept. Inspection Return

13 Letters to Jas. O'Hara covering provision return and letter of advice to Secretary of War to Capt Pike - all the above went with John Adair on the 7th Sept. who signed a receipt for them as being

Secty of War of 22 Octr. 97 By James Yeates as follows

No 1 Copy of a Letter of 16 July from Thos. Power
2 " do. 28 May from B. G. Lt. Wilkinson
3 " " of 1 Augt from B. G. to Baron Carondelet
4 " " of 1 Augt do. do. Governor Gayoso.
5 " " of 4 Augt from Grande Ansenada
6 " " of 25 July from Fort in Chickasaw Bluffs
7 " " of 24 Augt from B. G. in Answer to above
8 " " of 1st Augt from Governor Gayoso to B. G.
9 " " of 3 Octr from Capt Guion to Do.

1 Receipt for Indian annuities - Vouchers for 1084 Dollars Jas. O'Hara agent

Letter to Jas. O'Hara
" to Isaac Craig
" to Wm. Wilkinson
" to Capt. Pike
" to Lieut. Power
" to Capt. Shumpsh.

Letter to Jas. Wilkinson
Copy of do to Governor Gayoso &c &c
Letter from Governor Gayoso of 24 Augt with
Muster Rolls Monthly returns &c &c
Letter of Thos. Adams - Relative
to Mr

By James Yeates 27 Sept.

By Jas. Yeates

By Lieut. Mitchell to Lieutenants —
Secd of War 19 April — 1798. No 1
Do to Majr Kersey 12 March — 2
Do Do Do 12 April — 3
Do Capt. Pickard — 4
Do Sam.l E Young

January Monthly return on it —
to
Artificer 6 Feby Last the Standing Gr Orders
& articles of War read on the 4.th day of January
Articles of War read 4th March
Certificate 3 April

By Lieut. Butler.

To G. Williams 25th January. 97
Do 30 March 98
Do 5 May
From Gov.r Gayoso 30 October 97
To Capt. Bowman 1 dbr. 97.
From Capt. Minor 2 January 98
To Capt. Minor 3d January 98
From Capt.n Minor 3d January 98.
To Governor Gayoso 5 January 98
To Captain Minor 5 January 98
From Gov.r Gayoso 18 January 98
To Gov.r Gayoso 29 January 98
From Gov.r Gayoso 10 February 98

9th May — By Butler to May —
Letter from Mitchell 27
To — Mitchell 30
To — do. 29 A
From — do. 5 Jan
To — do. 3 Fe
From do 19 Jan

Monthly return Nov.r &
April, & Commissions Returned
taken 7 May

2 Letters from Gov.r Gayoso, &
from Dan Clark Jun.r on
for Capt. Pierce Kersey & Rei

harmony, and avoid misconstruction, I have thought it proper to dispatch Ensign William Scott of the Army of the United States the bearer of this letter to apprise you, Sir, of my approach and the object of it — I hope that the entrance of the troops of the United States to this duty may, in a short space of time, meet the views of his Excellency the Baron de Carondelet as mentioned in your letter of the 18th of December 1796 to Lieutenant Taylor, and alluded to in your letter of the same date to Major General Wayne, as the water of the River Mississippi is now high — I hope also that the proximity of neighbourhood of the troops of the two Nations will tend to cement that friendship and good understanding so happily begun — I shall here await with satisfaction your answer by Ensign Scott, whose return I hope will be promptly expected —

With much respect, Sir,

I have the honor to be

Your most Obedient and very

Humble Servant —

J. G. Capt. in the

Army of the U.S.

Ch.s Dehault Delassus Esqr.
Lieut Colol in his C. M. service
Ins Officer Comg the
Post of New Madrid

Fort Mayorca June 15th 1799

Sir

You are to proceed with a party assigned for
Your conduct under your Command, with
all dispatch to New Madrid on the Missi
=sipi, and deliver to the Commanding Officer of
his Catholic Majestys Post there, the Letter and
=sted to your Charge and receive his answer
should he not think it proper to answer in writ
You will ask for his verbal communicat
and a receipt for the delivery of the letter
such mentioned, and you will then return
to this place with the utmost expedition - while at
New Madrid, on your way there, and also
on your return you are to keep your troops
due restraint not suffering them by word
action to offer the smallest disrespect to the
to citizens subjects or troops of his Catholic Majes
and should any person, subject of his Catholic
majesty be so imprudent as to attempt either
directly or indirectly to alienate the affection, or
persuade from his allegiance, any Soldier or
subjects of the United States under your Command
You are to represent his conduct to the Comman
-ing officer, claiming his protection on the usage
and customs of Nations in like cases - wishing
You a pleasant tour & speedy return.

Yours

Ensign Wm Scott

Lieut. Thos Hunt Com.d

Fort Adaise June 16. 1797.

Dear General,

As precarious a conveyance will only suffer me to mention my arrival at this post on the 9. instant with my charge in good order - a variety of concurrent reports respecting the affairs de nos Voisins rendered it necessary for me to have an explicit knowledge of their disposition of suffering or opposing a passage - and therefore I dispatched Mr. Scott on the 15 with a letter to that end - a Copy of it, and also of his instructions I shall send by a sure conveyance - The river Mississippi is now very high & in fine order to descend

With unfeigned friendship, and real respect, I am Dear Sir, Your Obedient & Very Humble Servt

The Hon^ble
J. Wilkinson

J. L.

By Simon Lamarais, & Laflem, Francois Lajeunesse & Francois Vallet - The first says he is a Canadian & was in Egypt the employ of Mr Chaboillez

June 21st 1797.

" Philip Stuker of Wordford County State of Kentucky
" left New Orleans the 5th of April and took the Mississippi
" Lake first Warf from, that was stopped on the east side
" Bank went back to New Orleans; he left Orleans a
" second time the beginning of May and came up the
" River to Natchez he says that three galleys were
" laying at Orleans when he left that place, and
" that about 300 Soldiers were at Orleans, with the
" Baron de Carondelet, that they were getting an
" privateers at Rio, but that no ships from
" abroad had arrived this year — He left Mr Ellicott at
" Chez the tenth of May and left Mr Ellicott at
" Pope there in seperate quarters, he also left
" there a Mr Mc Kee an agent for the U.S — That
" the people are much divided in sentiments and
" uneasy. he passed through the Choctaw and Chi
" casaw Nations on his way hither, the Choctaws
" says appear to be friendly, but the Chickasaws
" are unequivocally so — The Creeks continual —
" much industry is used to excite them to war a
" the subjects of the U.S. by our neighbours, and h
" thinks that the Creeks will soon strike" — Mr
Stucker is now on his way down the river
with flour boats, and he appears to be a man
of intelligence ———

Camp near Fort Miro July 4th 1797.

Sir

Yesterday by Captain Bowman I had the honor to receive your communication in two packets of the dates of 24th and 28th ultimo, and covering Copies of several Official documents. I arrived at this place on the ninth instant at night, accompanied by Ensign Scott with Captain Hutts company Surgeons Mate M.Coskry, and a Interpreter Duplessis to the detachment and on the 5th following being still ignorant of the reply of the Spanish Commandant at New Madrid to General Wilkinsons letter acquainting him with the movement of this detachment I dispatched Ensign Scott to him to endeavour to learn his disposition. Copies of my letter to him, of my instructions to Mr Scott and of the Spanish Colonels answer are enclosed. I also enclose a Copy of a letter from Lieut. Pike at Natchez, it came to this place from New Madrid with Mr Scott on the 20th by a man who went with Mr Pike as a drummer and whose term of service was expired. It appears by this letter as also from the enclosed extract of Communication made to me by a Mr Steeles, that the information given by the letter at Sea is accurate, at least they agree to corroborate in point of time several circumstances. Captain Hutt and Lieut Bragg joined me on the 19th ultimo, and Captain Bowman with Lieut Campbell and his Company yesterday. I shall say by

permitted to adventure an opinion it is very evident that the reasons offered by the Chevalier from the Baron, the Secretary of State are no more than so many specious evasions, calculated to amuse until some change of circumstance may render it propitious to declare openly. The vigorous warlike preparation making at St Louis of upper Louisiana seems with other things to warrant this conclusion — I am preparing my boat to encounter the rapidity & every vicissitude of the Mississippi, and shall leave this place on or before the 10th instant, nor shall I stop at new Madrid unless compelled by superior force, all commencement or show of hostility, on the part of the troops of the United States which I have the honor to Command, shall be studiously and scrupulously avoided — but all open and direct attack upon them shall be repelled with the utmost energy of our small number, and in such manner as I hope will not sully the reputation, or tarnish the lustre of the flag, of the nation.

a Conveyance offering by the Cumberland river, I should have been wanting in my duty not to have seized the occasion to make this communication which shall be followed by another through the medium of Capt. Pike at this place, so soon as I shall have passed new Madrid — a Sergeant and three men are with the Chickasaws, they were sent at different times to apprise them of my coming.

With the highest respect,
Sir, I have the honor to be
Your Most Obed.
& very Humble Servt.

The Honble
James M.c Henry
Sec.y to the Depart.t of War

Dear General

Camped the Expedition near the

July 9th 97.

I left the rapids of Ohio on the 3d inst as my letter of the 2d which I have since written to you from that place acquainted you, I arrived here on the 6th at night and on the 7th Capt Bowman and Mr Gregg arrived by whom I received your further communications and instructions of the 2d & 4th of June. The 5th after five days fruitless trial to obtain some active intelligent person to go in canoe from New Madrid, I dispatched Ensign Scott to that place who returned on the 25th Copies of the letter to the Spanish Officer, of his answer and of Lt. Scotts instructions are enclosed - nothing more was learned than what is fairly to be construed from his answer - great civility was shewn Mr. Scott, who was told that on his descending his boat, they suppose it was the command commanded Foster Letter there - On the 25th I employed one Thomas from Post Vincennes to go to - and gain the information required. On the 3d instant Capt Bowman has joined me with his company except a corporal and four men left back at the falls with Doctor Pfeiffer, and with him two packets from the war Office of the 9th & 10th of June covering Copies of letters to Genl Wilkinson, a letter from the Secretary of War to myself a Copy of which is enclosed, and an extract of a letter obtained at Sea - and the day following an opportunity to transmit by the Cumberland presenting [illegible] - I have at it, and of answered the Secretary, a Copy of Letter is also enclosed - On the 5th Genl Clark returned, before

no new information, and but little dependence can be placed on his report, or indeed on that of any renegade in this quarter - I have however enclosed extracts from the reports of several, some are decidedly favorable & reliable. On the 16th Ultimo by one Lowdais and three others from St Louis I addressed a few words to the Chickasaws detailing the fidelity of my allegiance & announced my arrival here and of my sending a talk to New Madrid. On the 21st Inst a man by the name of Kerr in a boat with Elijah Craig from Kentucky who was bound to Orleans to the Chickasaw Bluffs with a cargo for them, and directions for him to find a Sergeant and two men of my Company, who were sent by Captain Pike with your talks to the Chickasaws, and to get if possible one or more Chiefs to come in here, but no word has been yet brought of by from them -

Yesterday five Chickasaw hunters came in here, the first of that nation that have appeared here since my arrival, but for want of some one who speaks Chickasaw and it is with great difficulty we barely understand each other - They have been shewn their presents and are apparently highly pleased! They say that they have been two months from home hunting, and know not of the people who have been sent to them - I have to day sent two of them back to their Towns with a talk, a Copy of which is enclosed, and have the promise of one of the returning three to stay and go with me to the Bluffs - Messrs. Gs & Geo Gibbons family & myself very often & friendly - I have hitherto engaged Captain Langlois a Chactaw of some influence, whose Squaw speaks English with great facility, to accompany me as far as the Bluffs - George Bonilard the young half breed also goes - A number of Chickasaws are

daily

Constantly at Anchor abreast the Fortress, and have issued
I have given them flour and a little salt at diff-
-erent times, but of tobacco, which they most desire, I have as
five pounds weight received yesterday of Captain
who tells me that he was desirous in his Letters to
Sir, to you, in the Country, and that I have had
his stock. I enclose a Copy of a letter from Mr Pow
to Captain Pike, from this and other Information, th
I have been able to obtain, I think it may be safely in
that the Spaniards do not mean to give Immediate poss
-ession of the Posts below; that they are Negotiating the
Walnut Hills is out of doubt: and that they intend
to occupy the Bluffs Natchez, but unless they are there
before me, they will not get a quiet possession, and for that
Case I shall certainly detach on the 12th. The amount of
these Purchases will differ one or two days or two, as I wish
the bearer of the Cattle to be early enough for me. I shall
not stop at New Madrid unless compelled, and I
think it will be unnecessary to again inform you from
who we are, as my flag will announce these.

I have enclosed my Muster Rolls, Monthly and Inspect
Returns, Quarter Masters, Ordnance Stores and Provision Re
-turns, and State of the Contingent Money: and likewise my
Pay Receipt Roll by this conveyance, a duplicate of this last
Paper is left with Captain Pike to follow by the first Depart
as soon as I have passed Muster and I shall send George
Gravillard back to Orleans with a Copy of the Count

The Boat just sent by the Contractor, notwithstanding
it has been repaired and strong new pickle put on it
here, has become so leaky and offensive as to be unwhole
-some and unfit to use - and which, in my situation
may
-ver critical indeed, especially if it is found improper to
proceed further down than the Bluffs - I have ordered

The Commissaries to embark a few Beef Cattle and Hogs on Pork, brought on the Contractors accounts from the Red River - but the stupid resourceless fellows seem to be totally lost. they are neither of them in any instance, calculated for the business in which they are employed - I shall use the best I can to spin out with the little salt pork and endeavour to procure some wild meat, till a further supply of Pork or fresh beef from Cumberland through the Chickasaw country, can be furnished -

The relaxed state of discipline and police in the Garrison is such, as to render it, in my opinion necessary for some more active person to be here in the critical conjuncture; You must forgive me the presumption perhaps my Zeal has carried me too far - I shall endeavour to act up to your orders, and to do what in my judgement is most for the welfare and honor of my Country where my discretion is to be employed -

Whatever may be the result, no change of time or circumstance can alter or change the ardency of affection or respect which I bear to you - I am with

Your Very Obedient

Hum. Servt.

James Wilkinson

Commander in Chief

of the Army of the United States

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* See the correspondence between Gen. Wilkinson & Capt. Zebulon Pike, in command of Fort Massac

The original for the above from Capt Zebulon Pike. in two pages about 12 lines each

On board the Boat between [illegible]

Mississippi July 16. 1797.

Sir,

I had the honor on the 20th. Ultimo to receive your letter of the 16th by Ensign Scott, who I have again dispatched to you, to inform you of my approach and the necessity of my declining your friendly offer of hoisting a Flag with the Arms of the United States under my command, as it would be a dereliction of my orders. I have sent with Mr. Scott for your perusal a letter which I am to deliver to his Excellency the Baron de Carondelet and which I am duly to shew to any Officer of his Catholic Majesty, commanding a post on this River. You will see by it, that I am commanded to pay due respect to the subjects and interests of Your Sovereign; and I need not declare to you how happy I shall be in fulfilling these orders, as an earnest of my sincerity I am prepared to salute the Spanish Flag in the manner I am best able as my duty has you know, not doubting but that the Flag of the United States under which I serve will receive a similar compliment, should the proposal meet your wishes; or if the contrary you will be pleased to signify it by Mr. Scott. Before I finish a tender of my respects to Mr. Deville, who I am informed resides near you, with great regard

I have the honor to be,

Sir, Your very obt.

Humble Servt.

(14 Augt.)

Lt. Colo. Blasco

Comm. de Natchez

Mr. J. would observe that one page (preceding) appears to have been torn out. The destruction does not appear to exceed that number of pages. Capt Guion may have done this himself.

Chickasaw Bluffs July 21. 794.

Sir,

A sudden and violent attack of a fever prevents me yesterday from answering your note received in the morning — You say "you have no orders from your Superior to permit me to stop" this I doubt not, nor that you have any even to the contrary as they would be extraordinary indeed, the treaty between Spain and the United States taken into view

The troops of the United States under my command shall not, with my consent, be the first to break the treaty —

I am Sir,

(14 Augt.)

Your Obt. Servt.

Augustin Grandel
Lieut. Commandt. of
His Catholic Majesty's
Post of Chefsfield —

See 12 pages ahead Letter to Gen Wilkins of 2d Sept. 1794 — in which this letter, Capt Howard 1st arrived and takes Command at Nogales

Capt Howard 1st Regt 8 Sept with Ammunition & Provisions for Garrison, Capt Howard etc. &c. &c. Gen Wilkins 2 Sept 94 his Instructions thereon

Chickasaw Bluffs July 24th 794

Sir,

On the 21st instant at this place where I arrived the following day with all my boats in good order, I had the honor to receive your Letter under date

Of Lt. B. Gilbert — You are, Sir, desired to leave Natchez that I am expected to be at Natchez when your dispatches reach me; but when you receive the communication and the Troops to address to you from Fort Adams of the 2d instant, together with the present and its enclosures, and the necessity of concentering my forces agreeably to my orders from General Wilkinson whatever circumstances should in my judgement render such a measure necessary) you cannot be too expeditious if any halt at this point: indeed if I had not one part of my orders would have been flatly disobeyed, namely to distribute to the Choctaws at this place their presents. They had assembled here as early as the 14th of June last but the delay, which they attribute to the true cause and for want of provision were obliged to go off, except William Colbert and about one hundred of his people who only were remaining when I arrived; some straglers are hourly coming in, and tomorrow, I am told that Pitchlynn, and the Wolf's friend, Chiefs, will be here — On the enclosed there needs no comment: every occurrence to the most trivial, tends to the same point, and are too strikingly obvious to be mistaken by the dullest observer. In a day or two hence I shall dispatch to Governor Sayers at Natchez the Presidents message and to the inhabitants its contents, as well as to the Governor General the instructions from my government of agreeing to the demolition of the works, which can be as well done with the acquiescence of the Officer of the United States now there, and will as effectually remove the pretended obstacle, as if done under the eye of the Commander of the Army — Because

Sir, that neither the demolition of the works, nor the [illegible] of securing to the inhabitants of that district the [illegible] their Canoes are the [illegible] causes for the [illegible] of those posts. That Shelton at New Madrid has one day with the troops, and every means has been used to effect it, a great point has been gained by our neighbours, who were afraid from Hatchy Later visits presents of Blankets, Shirts, Hats, Muskets, powder Shot Tomahawks, Sadales and Bridles &c for the Chickasaws arrived at their garrison of Chickasaw Bluffs to the place, about eight hours before our arrival here. Great pains, and much industry have been used to alienate from the friendship of the United States the Chickasaw Indians; and I fear they have been in a considerable degree successful. A Spaniard & Wolfs friend came up in the Orleans just Spoken of from Orleans - and on the day of our arrival, in a fit of inebriety, declared himself a Spanish Chickasaw Chief, shewed a Commission from the Baron de Carondolet dated 26 May, at Orleans and sadly abused the Americans; observing that in intelligible English that when the Wolfs friend his Uncle arrived we should receive a talky that would make our hearts ache - and I am informed that he is greatly dissatisfied with the Americans, but knows not for what cause.

Discord has spread her influence in this nation, the Chickasaw leaders and Colbert are Spanish from friends, the other part of their dispute has arisen about this Spot on which the Spaniards had their works erected, and the circumjacent land. It seems that the Wolfs friend had sold it to the Spaniards as his Canoe and the Chiefs deny his entire right, observing that when the Americans came they shewed us and

they pleased with it. I shall endeavour to obtain the general consent of all the Chiefs and headmen together, as to sit down here, the spot for a fortress or an eligible one, near at hand, to be determined at almost any time. The promise I made Colonel Delaspeed did not reach much, as his mouth shut up before I left the Ohio, in the course of conversation between Colonel Delaspeed and myself, however, that in his opinion the true cause for the detention of the post below was the expectation that Louisiana would be at once ceded to the United States, but that the business would soon be done over - it is certain that the Spaniards intended to occupy this country - I should have made this communication some days earlier but have been prevented by a violent intermittent which attacked me on the 18th and has confined me to bed ever since.

Tobacco which could be purchased very low in Kentucky, would be highly prized by the Indians; I have very little for them, and they are very much in want of it.

With the most perfect respect

(2d Sept. 1803)

Sir, I am your very Obedient

Humble Servant

The Honble
James McHenry
Secy of War

Chickasaw Bluffs August 1. 1803

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose to your Excellency a Copy of a message from the President of the United States, to Congress; and also an extract of a letter recently received by me from the Secretary for the department of war,

both tending to form an Expedition for the Pacific Coast
-dition of the Government of the United States and
their willingness to accede to the proposal of the Emperor
the Baron of Carondolet. & the demarcation of the
frontiers at Natchez and Walnut Hills, better
shou in every the harmony and good understanding
happily established by the treaty between the two nations

I need not declare to your Excellency how
happy I should have been to have had the honor
to deliver with my own hands what I am forwarding
by a messenger; but this happiness by an unforeseen
event is for the present denied me, but I trust
that this obstacle will shortly be removed when
I shall have the felicity of declaring in person
how much I am

Your Excellency's

Respectful, Obedient,

and very humble

Servant

His Excellency
Manuel Gayoso Delemos
Gov.
[2d Copy]

Chickasaw Bluffs August 1st 1797

Sir

When in May last I was commanded on the
duty of this quarter in which I am now engaged, I
flattered myself with having the honor of presenting
to your Excellency in person the packet addressed to your
Excellency, of which I have been so far the bearer, but
unforeseen difficulties respecting the delivery of the
Posts of Natchez and Walnut Hills having arisen, depri-
ves me of that honor — I avail myself of the dispatch
of Mr. Joseph Gillard, whose respectability and fidelity
I cannot gain, to transmit to your Excellency these dispatches
from General Wilkinson, as well as a transcript of those

I have recently received from the President of the United States & the Secretary of War, in which I am informed to be at Pensacola, and am directed to accord to the demolition of the works, and on the evacuation or possessing of the places of Barrancas & Mills and Mackey by the troops of his Catholic Majesty: But as I had given my parole to Lieutenant Colonel Dr. Powell Delaps Commandant of the Marine On the 16th Ultimo that I would not advance from this post until information was had either from Jno. Excellency or from my General or other sufficient on my Government that the existing difficulty between the two Powers was removed. I therefore sacredly bound to observe it. I have greatly regret that this occurrence has prevented me from manifesting in any other manner, my zeal to fulfill the orders and desire of the President of the United States, and remit one & in detail, which so fully accord with my own feelings, that of paying due regard to the persons and the property of the subjects of his Catholic Majesty, of cherishing and promoting concord harmony and a good understanding between the Citizens and subjects of the two Nations, thereby to establish the principles of the treaty of friendship limits and navigation entered into and concluded by the respective powers according to the true extent and meaning thereof. I have also to acknowledge the receipt of his Excellencys communication made to General Flournoy under date of the 29th May Ultimo which was handed to me aboard our Gunboat, with a letter from Mr. Thomas Powers, which is he says Copied of the original, his Letter is dated at Louisville the 16th of July Ultimo and was forwarded by Capt. Pollard — I have attended

Shall be given to the Spirit contained in your Excellency's
Communication as if it came from my Commanding
-ing General in Orders, entitled I am debarred from
by promise passed to Colonel Delafield, and
I shall in all instances endeavour to prove
by my conduct, the sincerity of my attachment

With the most profound Respect
I have the Honor to be, Your
Excellency's most Obt. Humble
Servant.

His Excellency
The Baron de
Carondelet.

Chas. [redacted]

Mem?

It is the Suggestion of the writer these Extra blank pages (3 or 4 in number) may have been reserved in order to transcribe therein certain letters - & subjoin mem. demo

Mem?

On reading - 5 pages ahead - Capt Gower's letter of 2d Sept. 1797, to Genl Wilkinson - it might seem that this blank space was left to transcribe therein the letter of 14th August from Capt Gower to Genl Wilkinson. and which it would appear was [illegible] transcribed.

Sir Isaac [illegible] 11 Oct 1798 - addressed to Col Hamilton - Appears to have appended [illegible] An old Antique work - but an exceedingly interesting one, upon many points of historical interest in the Genesee - Holland Land Purchase country - particularly in Western New York - Some [illegible] Contains Extracts in 1804 "a Census de Seigneuries of the Province of Upper Canada" [illegible] Extracts from Letters [illegible] Secretary [illegible]

Head Quarters Bluffs August 22d 1797.

Sir,

I wrote to you by Sergeant Campbell on his
Distant, and enclosed you an extract of a letter which
I received from the Secretary of War, as well as several
copies of the President's Message to Congress which I hope
You have long since received: on the 12th instant I re-
ceived a letter from the Governor General Lower
in which I am sorry to observe a complaint against you
improper conduct, and in that degree as appears
from various circumstances, not to be
misunderstood, but most strenously and scrupulously avoid-
-ed, and which I am certain were the terms of your
orders, antecedent to those in my letter of the 4th instant
I hope however that if there has been just cause
of dissatisfaction on the part of Governor Lowry, it
will no longer continue, and that you will remove
it by a change of conduct — Mr Kay the bearer
of this letter will be able to give you the current
information, as he is in possession of many gazettes
besides being recently from the Capital — Inclosed
is a description of two deserters from Captain Pike's
Company, whom if You can apprehend within
the limits of the United States, you will not fail
to have done —

with friendship,

I am Sir
Your Ob't Humble Serv.

Lieut Perry Pike (2d Infy)
Falcony.

Mobile August 27th 1799.

Sir,

On the 19th instant I had the honor to receive Your Excellencys communication of the 25th ult from Pensacola, and have waited until now for conveyance offered me by Colonel Howard, to answer it. By the communication I made to you from this place on the first instant, which completely explains every difficulty in objection offered to the execution of the posts of Natchez and Nogales, by Baron Grandpre Freidericksen an Officer in his letter of the 29th of July from Orleans to General Wilkinson the Commander in Chief of the Army of the United States you received before you left Natchez to go to your Gouvernmental residence — Indeed, from the expressions of friendship in which the troops of the United States and your Self mutually indulge, I had not supposed that any difficulty would arise in the execution of Baron Grandpre Freidericksen instructions, mentioned in your Excellencys letter of the 25th of July last, I have no doubt, now that you are in the Chief command, but that your orders are already issued for the abandonment of the posts. I am sorry to hear that the Officer before commanding the troops of the United States at Natchez, has given cause to the inhabitants of that District, or to the subjects of his Catholic Majesty the most slight cause of uneasiness or discontent, at all events this will no longer be the case as his orders are to observe a different conduct, and the succeeding Officer will I hope shortly be there to command in person —

(2. Inclosure)

With the greatest respect
Sir,
Your Excellencys
Most Obedt Humble Servt
J. C. Simms
Lieut of Artillery
in the United
States Service

His Excellency
Don Manuel Gayoso de Lemos
Gov.r & Comm.r in Chief
of the Province of Louisiana
& West Florida

Chickasaw Bluffs September 2d 1795

My Dear General,

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My last letter to you was of the 4th Instant by Mr. M'Henry in which I informed you of the arrival of Colonel Howard at Natchez the Spanish Post of the Chickasaws and then but just arrived under Instructions in that communication it appears to have been pronounced that the Bluffs friendly, who is decidedly the Spanish interest, should not come in with his people until his friends the Spaniards should have given their force. This Station gave me all the trouble he could contrive to offer, constantly objecting to our remaining on this ground, even at the moment of his receiving his stores of the presents from us. But William Colbert who knew his inclinations, and being determined to succeed with all his interest the promise he had made me on the eve of his leaving us, returned in this place on the 16th and acted with great honesty and firmness, he told the Chief many severe things. That we were here by his consent and wished to know who was the man in his nation that should break his word or promise lightly for nothing. That when we were satisfied with staying, we might do, but not before; That he the Bluffs friend had talked of force, but that he would do well to recollect who were the warriors of his nation that before the Americans should be forced from this ground he would be killed on their side and buried here.

This strong talk, seconded by Pinsinga just arrived to all further protestations of our immediate removal, startled by our neighbours, and put in the mouth of their Chickasaw Brave. On the 18th they received their presents, and when they were distributed the

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Fort Jackson Sept 20th 1814

Sir

I left Mobile Bay on the 15th Instant, & arrived at Pensacola, a Fr. Fort Intended as a Summer Quarter for Troops. During the number of days I was in the Harbour, I have been able only to construct a small work of Fig. 6 to extend our defences. The Fort Contains a Garrison of 4 Companies, and I propose, two or three months hence to have it reduced to the ordinary number. of the effect of our labours in greater forwardness I should have judged to be such which I sent in my letter dated the 11th Ultimo after I had reinforced Fort Bowyer, but I may not Survive myself to be present, when I hope it may be nearly completed.

As I informed Your Excellency in my letter of the 4th July from Mobile, I should not have left the Harbour was urged to it before we reached this place, but fortunately for us our Contractor of the Army just as our arrival received a drove of thirty four heads of beef Cattle from the interior of the Country for sale to our neighbourhood, and which I directed the Commissary to purchase for the Contractors account for the payment I drew a bill on the Secretary of War and sent to Mr Elisha Winter who was ascending the River, to be changed to the Contractor at the Treasury Office. You will see by the Commissarys return, that we have fourteen head of Bean Stock on hand, and I am persuaded thirty head more, whenever I please to send for them at the nearest Chickasaw town, by one James Gilham a white man who resides there and is married to a Sister of William Colbert, my reason for troubling you with all this detail, is to shew our resource and relieve the solicitude and anxiety that I know Sir you feel for the support and welfare of this detachment.

I enclosed are copies of Several letters sent before from Fort Bowyer, and also copies of my Monthly and all other returns —

If we should be suddenly ordered to remove from here, I fear we should have some difficulty as our boats are in a leaky condition, and the we have guns, nor is there any to be had here. I shall however in such an emergency do, as we are ever obliged to, the best we can —

With the sincerest friendship, and Respect, I have the honor to be

Yr Excellency Your Sir, Your very Obedient

Brigad.r Gen.l Wilkinson Servant —

Commanding in Chief

Pickatawe Bluffs 23 September 1799

Sir,

I had the satisfaction to receive from command-
ing officer of the Spanish Brig Augustin Ximenes at
21 following, Letter with a packet from the com-
mander in Chief, and the Boat with the Negro
Cattle, which I believe be delivered to the Contractors
agent in good order: I may believe, as a ranging Boat
when Brown arrived held one in my hand, and had
prevented me from stirring abroad, and until I was
from endeavouring you, regarding Beef you might
whom I expressly obtained for Fort Adams. I learned
of no one other Packet having arrived but that
You mention not to have received. The fellow was to
go to Fort Adams from the C. Town and then
to return by your post. he had dispatches from the Secy
of War to be left at Natchez - since, I have sent
one packet by M.Cleary, & another by M.Clain
both directly to you. The instance you mention of
our intercepting dispatches in their passage from
the Spanish Government, I am totally unacquainted
with, and beg you to be assured on that score
in your next. Your supply of Beef arrived very timely;
although we had killed the last one of my ordered
purchase at this place, we had still a resource in some
nine or ten other head on the Bluffs; but yours
have by far the preference - You ask me why I did
not intimate to you my intention of halting at this
place and carrying for some time; did you not,
my good sir, recollect that two of my boats were
loaded with Chickasaw Associates, to be delivered to
them at this place - during my informing you;
after M.Scott return with Colonel Dale's an-
swer telling me they were on their halt at Natchez
Bend; that the were all asleep on their bank

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to prevent our fulfilment of promises to the
Indian Nation, and thereby detach them fr
us, and that nothing short of a superiority of fo
at New Madrid should cause me to stop short
of this Post, on which I could endeavour t
gain the Indians consent to erect a fortress.
I have obtained almost the general consent; an
should before this day, if Sickness of which we
had a large share had not prevented, completed
a snug little cover for one hundred men to maintain
a post hold. I am more and more convinced tha
the object of our neighbours, among other procra
stinations and evasions, was only down after
the period that we came here, had we returned
to have rebuilt on the Spot which they had evacua
ted and burnt in the spring. Colonel Howard
who arrived here the 12th Ultimo Stone deyeary plausi
and artful means of his address to draw me aw
from this place, insinuating that this was an
improper time for the US to think of erecting any
here, and the like cajoling; but finding his el
quence of little weight he took leave on the first
of this month I went down the river. This
instant I have received a letter from the Chie
ases Towns confirming what I have just
written; these people have an intercourse with
the Natchez, which can be made in eight
days. Enclosed you will find a Copy of my
Commission to Doctor Steiger to visit his fam
ily, from which you will observe that he left
us on the eleventh. I have since heard with mu
Regret that he was sick on his way up, and coul
with great difficulty make ten miles per Day
Sergeant Brown will be able to give you ev
information on that Score. I thank you an
heartily and sincerely for the Vegetables you

so good as to furnish us, and we will be like brothers welcome; and as soon as our Country affairs will make you a visit — make my respects to all Gentlemen & Gentlemen about you, and believe me Capt. Custis to be your friend,

And very obedient

Humble Servant.

L. G.

Capt. Lieut. Pike
Comm'g Fort Kaskaskia

P.S. Sergeant Brown & the two men are ordered up to the first proper conveyance —

Chickasaw Bluffs Nov. 25. 1797.

Sir,

I received your favor of the 5th Instant by Sergeant Brown, as well as one some time in the beginning of the last month, both at a time & very severe illness, and which must apologize for my not acknowledging the receipt of your first at an earlier period. Gladson, the person you mention, I am informed did come to this place with two other men from New Madrid, all of whom went away the next day, yet I cannot learn that he left or sold any tools here, or they should be reclaimed and restored to the proper owners. We have fellows on this ground of similar principles, who would deceive them soon, and perhaps they may be yet detained, and if so you will be informed of it. Hope you enjoy better health than I do at these infernal bluffs, which have caused so much blustering. Please to mention me to Monsieur Tardevant. I have the honor to be

Your very Obedient Serv.

L. Lucas

Colonel Delaunet Dist. Cus
New Madrid

Chickasaw Bluffs October 3d. 1797.

Sir,

Yesterday evening I had the honor to receive Your Excellency's communication dated the 19th August last at New Orleans, with a letter addressed to General Wilkinson which shall be immediately transmitted to him. After the communication I had the honor to make to You on the 1st of August last, which You acknowledge to have received I had entertained a hope that the posts in question would be abondoned by the troops of Spain, as the difficulties mentioned by the Baron of Carondolet in his letter of the 29th of May to General Wilkinson are completely removed by the President of the United States, and no new matter is mentioned by your Excellency. It would have been fully as consonant with the principles of your profession to have candidly declared the real cause of delaying the evacuation of those posts, and that the ultimate decision rested with the governments of the two powers — Not knowing the situation of Villa Gayoso, I will only be after I have seen the different positions in the district of Natchez, within the limits of the United States, that I can determine on the place to post the troops of the United States under my command — as far as it depends on me, and is consistent with the dignity of the United States and the comfort and safety of their troops. The harmony and tranquility subsisting between the two nations should not be disturbed —

With the highest consideration of respect, I have the honor to be Sir, Your Excellency's very Obedient and Humble Servant

His Excellency Manuel Gayoso de Lemos Governor Genral of Louisiana and West Florida

Fort Adams, Chickasaw Bluffs

Sir October 22.d 1797.

Since my last communication to you which was of the 24.th of July ultimo, through the Chickasaw nation and via Nashville, I have been favored with your several dispatches of the 3.d of July, by Mr. Knox with duplicates of yours of the 9.th of June to General Wilkinson, & of the 10.th & 15.th of the same month to myself; and Captain Hunter with that of the 27.th of July, duplicate of the 13.th of the same and triplicate of the 6.th of June. And now by Mr. Toler express from Pittsburgh with one of the 1.st of September, and copy of one of the 5.th of August to General Wilkinson. Contrary to my information the known Indian leader, Hiwassee, & the Wolf his friend did not arrive at this place until the 10.th & 12.th of August with ten people to receive their annuities, the delay in these Chiefs, may be ascribed to different causes. Pinnimgo had restrained at home to defend his Town against the Creek Indians, who it was reported meditated an attack on the Chickasaws. The Wolf friend, who is a warm friend to the Spaniards, and a cunning designing fellow, had other motives: his movements was governed by that of the Spaniards, and I am well persuaded that it was preconcerted that he should come in a certain period limited, by which time the Spanish Galleys & troops from St. Louis should be at their Garrison of Hope Field opposite this place. To this period they had reserved their presents brought up from Orleans for distribution to the Chickasaws, and as they entertained an opinion that without large or good presents the Indians, they conceived

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a favourable moment to carry their point, by an imposing air of Superiority of force, great generosity, introduced by a strong talk from their Kickapoo orator the Wolfs friend, we were confident that we should not succeed to remain here where they again contemplated to erect works. On the 12th of August in the morning Colonel Charles Gratiot with about One Hundred men of the Regiment of Louisiana and five Galleys arrived from St. Louis. The wolfs friend immediately crossed the river and held a days conference with his friends here, when he returned he proposed that the next day we should meet for the purpose of hearing a talk he intended to give & wished he said his friend Colonel Howard to be present and hear it. as I knew that William Colbert would not be in here before the 15th I wished to delay it till he arrived and Pianimgo falling sick the next day, the meeting was consequently postponed until the 16th agreeably to my wishes. Colbert arrived the 15th in the Evening prepared to oppose the Wolfs friend and determined to support his promise of remaining & fortifying here, which he & John Bay made me on the 30th of July when they returned their Towns. and in consequence of this promise I had begun to erect works. on the 16th we met & Colonel Howard came over with two of his officers, made a great many apologies as it was out to gratify the wolfs friend who had requested it of him on his presence, & beg'd that when they distributed their presents that I would come over & be present in like manner, which I instantly declined

observing that I had no manner of objection to his being present at what was to be said or done here that I had very little to say to them more than to recommend them to live peaceably among themselves, and in good neighborhood with the Indians and Subjects in the Spanish territory. William Colbert who anticipated the Wolfs friendly design, began with an animated & bold talk, he told that Chief he knew his intention was, if possible, to turn us away & replace his friends the Spaniards; But this should not be while he was living. That the works we were beginning was done with his consent and his people, & wished to know who was the man in his nation that should make nothing of his promise That when we were satisfied staying or doing any thing on that ground, we might at our pleasure go but not before; That he had heard that the Wolfs friend had talked of force but that he would do well to recollect who were the warriors of his nation. That before the Americans should be forced from this ground he would be killed by their side and buried here. This strong talk was concluded by a short but strong one from Picamingo sealed up the great Orators mouth and confounded the Spanish Visitants who came prepared to hear every thing else. Thus the conference ended, and the day following the goods were displayed and given to them. The liberality of the supply, the superior quality of the goods at once surprised & contented all present; especially after the Spaniards had made their donation, which was not more than one fourth part as much the dowlens & trimmens; and the remainder of

insulted frippery, ridiculed & treated with
Contempt by Piamingo. I heard no word
of dissatisfaction from any of them after the
all desirous of our stay and willing that we
should put up what works we pleased.

The 22.d the Wolfs friend and his people left us
apparently well satisfied. Colonel Hawkins remain-
ed our good neighbour until the 1.st of September
when he embarked what troops came down
with him, and descended the river, during his
stay at Clopefield we reciprocated visits and
civilities & the flags of the two nations at his dep-
ture received a mutual salute. I continued
my working party as my effective strength permitted
having had for near two months past three
fourths of the detachment down with intermit-
tent fevers. The business went on but slow
in consequence, but I have this day, having the gal-
finished & put up and my flag staff erected, an
order a federal salute called the Fort Adams

I shall go on to the completion of the building
within and the works without until near the
end of this month and shall then dispatch as many
flat boats as are in best repair to enable me to emb
my detachment and leave this place on the 1st N
ember next. A plan of the Fort and its buildings
will be sent to the war Office in my next. I s
leave at this place, unless ordered to the contrary, o
Subaltern, two Sergeants, two Corporals & twenty tw
privates with provisions for six months, and fo
of every other kind equivalent to the strength of the command.
Enclosed are copies of all my correspondence with th
Spanish Officers and Indians, since the 24 of July
and also, copy of an account & demand to the Co
Traders agent, to be charged to the Contractor

set of the vouchers accompanied it, also one
receipt for sundries amounts delivered to the
Chickasaws. Agreeable to the instruction given
to me by the Secretary of War in his second letter
of the 6th of June, I drew a bill at ten days
sight on the 6th of August, in favour of Levi H.
Blount for four hundred dollars, and on the 20th
following one other in favour of Elisha Winter
for one thousand dollars also at ten days sight
One thousand and eighty four dollars of this mo-
ney has been applied to the Contractors service,
and the balance is in my hands. There
are at this place four white families who
came here two and three years ago and have
remained. The first and of much consequence
is one Kenneth Ferguson a Scotchman and
is either a partner of, or agent for the House
of Panton & Lesley of Pensacola, a decided Brit-
ish subject, and is the man alluded to in the
Creek Indians letter to the Secretary of War of the 2d
of April "You know one Panton &c". He is ex
tensive in the Indian trade and was placed here
by Governor Gayoso to gain the Chickasaws the
people complain much of his extortion and
are very desirous to have a store opened here
from the United States, such they observe as is
at Knoxville — another of these people is one Wm
Mizell a native of South Carolina and who Jan-
-cy followed the fortune of the British arms in the
late war as he was at Pensacola when the
Spaniards took Possession; he is an industri-
ous man no friend in the least to the Spanish
and has rendered us much service since we
have been by interpreting Chickasaw which he
knows well having lived sixteen years with that
people.

I have given him cautions, and promised him
I would mention him to the Secretary of War
in order that if it should be agreeable, he
might receive some compensation for his
services. John Brown & his brother both speak
Chickasaws, have requested me to call your
collection to a claim their nation has on
ten miles square of lands in the State of South
Carolina opposite Augusta on the Savannah
river & Horsecreek; they say that the Secretary
of War has a plat of the Land in question
and that they wish for some decision on
this business. That Governor Blount has pro-
cured them his good offices in this affair, but lea-
ing of his depart they applied to the agent
through me.

With the most respectful respect

Sir, I have the honour to be,

Your very Obedient

Humble Servant

J. G. H. C. in

the A. of Us.

The Honorable

James McHenry Esq.r

Secretary of War

Fort Adams Chickasaw Bluffs Oct.r 25.th

My dear Sir, On the 20.th ultimo I was honored with your communi-
cation of the 1.st and 2.d of August, with several enclosures, and
on the 20.th instant with that of the 5.th ultimo and the several
documents accompanying it, have which nothing could
have given me more satisfaction. I hope before now you
have received my several letters which I had the pleasure to
address to you from this place covering copies of all my corres-
pondence in the order which it arose. The first by express in
July through the Chickasaws the next by Thereon in Augt.
by a Mr. McClenny; and lastly the two by Lieut. Flain

of the 2? letting by the river to Fort Adams. Myself and
told the causes of my being here until this time, the scarcity
of the Chickasaws, the State of my provisions, the unsettled
ty state of the Troops, and more than all the Hanging
ish policy of the Dons like beyond question in
tended to reestablish a post here, and which I was
inced to prevent, has kept me till now in this position.

Our neighbours would rather have had us absent[ed] to
any other place on this River than here. Colonel Morgan
frequently in Conversation observed to me how important
he thought it was for the Natchez to think of establishing
post here, as the Indians were conciliated about the
propriety of the boundary line; and a great deal of present
rubbish — I have however contrary to their wishes, and
the direction enclosed and nearly completed a work
conformable to the plan hereunto annexed, and have
erected one blockhouse; under a general discharge yesterday
called the Fort Adams. I hope my conduct in all
this business may meet your approbation. I shall continue
working on the barracks and magazine until the close
of this month, when leaving Lieutenant Campbell, two
Sergeants, two Corporals, and twenty four Recruits, six of
whom will be of the Artillery with three Iron 6 pounders
and two 2-3/4 Inch Howitzers, provisions of flour, whisky
Salt &c for six months, and twenty head of Beef Cattle, &
all other kind of Stores which we possess, equivalent to
the strength of the Command, embark the remainder of
my detachment, and proceed to the Natchez.

I enclose a Copy of my letter in answer to one from
Governor Gen.l Gayoso of the 19.th of August, as I broke the
seal of his letter to your Excellency of the same date
which I now forward, I pardon to send a Copy of
that to me. I also send forward returns of every
kind to the Ps.t Master of the Muster Rolls of the
Detachment; by them your Excellency will observe that
although we have had a great many sick we have had
but one death. Such sick are all our loss, each having

respectfully dissented, they from Captain Beales's
-pany, & two from Captain Hicks's Company, I
-pect to apprehend the two latter as I have reason to
believe they are in Natchez clothing. I shall keep
troops left at Fort Adams up to the latter end
August, so that they will be but two Months in arrea
The Quarter masters deputy Mr Flanagan, thought pro
to withhold one of the two Garrison flags made at Pitts
-burg by your order; this was not disclosed to me, until my
arrival at Natchez; I shall then only be able to leave
Mr. Campbell my Boat flag as a substitute; my Company
are much in want of Blankets not having received fro
their five years service on an average more than two bla
kets per man — With fixed sentiments of true respect
and esteem, I remain Your Excellencys Very Obed.
Humble Servant
Captain &c.

His Excellency Brigr.
Genl. Wilkinson, Comm.
in Chief of the Army of the U States

Fort Adams Chickasaw Bluffs
October 23.d 1797

Sir,

I had the pleasure to receive Your favour of the
ultimo by the hands of the Secretary of the
Safe on the 19.th instant: as also a packet of gaz
for which I return you my sincere thanks. Mr.
Toler will be detained a couple of days longer as
I wish to avail myself of his return being a confi
-dential man, to send my dispatches to the General as
as to the War Office; and this will take me some ti
as it contains a lengthy correspondence. I have
engaged a Man by the name of Moore Smith to assis
Mr. Toler in ascending the river; I have made
agreement with him, what sum he is to receive for
services will be regulated by yourself on Mr. Toler
declaration of his merit. I have been at this place

since the 20th of July last and have entered a Journal which I have called Adams, I shall garrison it, and leave it about the first of September and retain it as a Depôt. Any news you get at that time you may have forwarded with all dispatch. Be thankfully received. Please to mention me to General & Colonel Neville, and all my friends in your quarter, and believe me Sir,

Your friend, and respectful
Humble Servant
Isaac Craig Capt.
in the A. of U.S.

P.S. The ratioms & provision for Mr. Soler has been sent by Mr. Dean, & 1/4 Gills of Whisky extra

Recr. 3 Men for 4 days at full rate
& 4 do. " 15 " Sum. } 62 Rds Musket Cartridges.

Major Isaac Craig 2d Regt Artillery Pittsburgh

Memo made here 26 April 1871.
See next page about Dr. Pfeiffer.

I came across an old Medical work printed 1802 - in New York by Dr's Mitchell & Miller entitled "Medical Repository" Vol 5th in which is "An account of a case of Pulmonary Consumption" - in a letter from Lewis Pfeiffer, M.D. to Dr. Benjamin Rush." - dated "Philadelphia January 29. 1802." His style of writing Medical Science was happy. and the fact establishes that Dr. Pfeiffer was no ordinary man in his profession. While the same establishes German birth or extraction, it strongly probable that he had a home Philadelphia at the time when he entered the Medical department of the Army.

H. A. M.

Sir

Fort Adams October 23.d 17[illegible]

Your two letters of the 7.th and 12.th instant I re-
ceived at one moment on the 19.th. I am happy
to hear that Mrs Pfeiffer has recovered from her
indisposition and that you are in good health.
Sympathy for the Estate of your family Doct.
was the spring by which I was moved to grant
the time for
you were to be absent in the first instance.
How often did I repeat it to you, that I was
doing an act for which I might be severely
knew I was responsible, and as often did you
promise Sir, as faithfully to return if you had
health. I once call on you Sir not to com-
mit me, and oblige me to have recourse to
what must be disagreeable to us both. I can-
not consent to send back your Baggage, it
must go with me to Natchez where I expect you
will join the detachment without delay.
Should the General come to Natchez, and
accept your resignation & can detach some
one for your Baggage I will be found at
this place as late as the 1.st November next, or
no longer — make my respects if you please
to Mrs Pfeiffer and believe me Sir to be
Your friend. and obed.t
Humble Servant
Lieut Colo.d

(G.)
Doctor George
Pfeiffer
Natchez —

See Mem.o relating to Dr Pfeiffer
on preceding (reverse) page

Dear Sir, Fort Adams 6th Bluffs 24 October 1807

I had the pleasure on the 19th instant of receiving your favour of the 24th of August from Pittsburgh. On the 3d Instant from this place I had a journal arrangement and addressed a Letter to you, but as the way is long of communication precarious I have enclosed you a copy of it as also of a short letter of advice which I had written to the Secretary of War to the same effect. I have now enclosed to you a copy of an account for monies paid on your account which will be charged to you at the Treasury Office. I shall leave this place for Natchez about the first of the next month, leaving at this place one Subaltern & thirty men with six months provisions of every kind except Beef, and nearly for the same time in this article: we have not received provisions by any means, and if the troops at every post in the United States have fared as ours, they have no cause to grumble. You may rest assured that I shall, at the same time that I see justice done to the troops under my command, take care of your interest where it depends on me, equally as if it were my own. The Lads as you observe truly, who got such as Commissaries were imposed on, but are now doing better than at first. particularly Mr. Dunn, he has some life and activity. Galbreath (Robert was his given name) has been sick for two or on this head, and will not be able to go with us but must follow when stronger. When Hooge will be with us I know not, as Mr. Tolen the bearer passed him on the Ohio above Limestone lying by. and from every account I have reason to fear, that the Chiefs mismanagement you were pleased to skip from me by

Quere? Will proper to enquire of Young Butler Merchant Natchez, Sept. - If necessary Address Y. O'Hara Esq. Cork Green & Butler Esq.

Dieffer. However this cannot lessen the obliga
I feel and can render to you for remembr
ing me. I thank you for Peter, he is a true Pyrenean
and is excellent to dejeipate bile. Inform
by this conveyance and write of course fore
fore a State of professions on hand. By
the earliest opportunity after my arrival
at Natchez You shall hear from me —
Please communicate me to Captain Turner,
whom I have not time to write, and any
other my friend in your quarter: and
believe me in friendship to Your

Colonel Jam.s O'Hara
Contractor.

Aide de Camp
Lieut. Col.
A. G. Corps in the
Army.

Fort Adams C. Bluffs October 24 1797

Dear Sir

Your two letters of the 8.th & 12.th instant, o
the 19.th were handed to me at one time — The Artillery
soldier must have been subject to the master of the boat con
Spanish provisions which delayed him. I am happy to
hear that the general intends honoring you with a visi
I fancy him in view when at no greater distance than
between us. I am sorry that Doctor Pfeiffer could
think of sacrificing his honor to his ease or con
science. He certainly will not or I did not know him
"He observes, you say, that his duty calling at opposite
"points it is impracticable for him to execute both,
"at least that I will not aggravate his misfortune
"afford relief" Had I been the Author of any misfortun
that has overtaken him, and then declined relieving
in my power, I should deservedly chargeable with aggravat
it. But as it is, from commiserating the situation o
of his family, and to obtain the termination of an

In which Situation, having my Hands & Legs much benumbed & my Senses so dark that I was obliged to be assisted with Candles nearly to Day light, & to be strongly rubbed with Camphorated Spirits of Wine &c. &c. &c. I am sorry my friend that you & the Canadas have had so much sickness this Summer. Before Morning I lost three fourths of the Skin off my Hands, and the inner Coats of my Stomach, & Mr. Coates unable to attend, or administer the least Medicine, being extremely sick himself. I have a letter from the Contractor at Pittsburgh, dated the 24th August, he mentions a boat dispatched with provisions for your Post and my detachment, and also of a Quarter of Madeira, in the charge of the boat Master one Magee, intended for me: As I have heard that Mr. Magee was a careless sober character, I beg you to examine the boat, and situation of the Cask in question, and if a boat should be coming to me on which it would be more safe, be pleased to have it put on board. Make my respects to Mrs. Pike & to all the Gentlemen with you and be assured Sir, that, I am Your Friend & Obedient

Humble Servt.

Z. P.

Mr. Solomon & party are victualled up to the 4th proximo inclusive —

Captain Z Pike
C. of F. Madison

Sir,

Camp at Chickasaw Bluffs Nov. 5th

After the repeated admonition given you by your Captain, and as many promises made by you to change your conduct and abandon the most dissolute prostitute now with this detachment, and above all, the glaring disobedience of the U. States Standing Jounal orders which forbids Officers keeping mistresses, and which you have for a long time past endeavoured to evade, that you should yesterday in the face of day, and presence of the Soldiers of Fort Adams introduce her there, and in their Company be familiar, is truly astonishing—

I now positively forbid you having any further connexion with this woman, on pain of arrest for disobedience of general orders, and ungentlemanly conduct.

You will do well to reflect on your late behaviour and speedily reform it, as you are not to expect the smallest relaxation on my part from the resolutions before mentioned—I am Sir,

Your Obed.
Hum. Serv.
J. Guion Captain
Comm.g

Lieutenant Joseph Campbell
of Artillerists & Engineers

Fort Adams Chickasaw Bluffs 6th Nov.

Sir,

I had the pleasure a few days since to receive your Letter of the 27th Ultimo from the encampment 15 Miles West of Long Town, in which you inform me of your agency to the Choctaws and Chickasaws and ask my opinion on the Conduct necessary to be observed towards the Spanish Officers Commanding neighbours - I assure you Sir, that I am but Slightly versed in Indian affairs; but agreeable to my own opinion, a plain open and straight Conduct towards the Indians, never even recommending by promising or holding up to their view any advantages which are not certain to be realized, I hold to be the best - Perhaps with the others it is proper in many cases to dissemble. They are themselves, at least where I have had communication with them, replete with dissimulation; your own good sense, I have no doubt will be the best guide for you in managing any affairs with them. The Mountain Leader, Mr. Colbert, and their people are well disposed, they have shewn it this summer; But the Wolfs friend who I know to be in the Spanish Interest is not so. I have been here with my command from the 20th of July last, and obliged the aforesaid William Colbert his people & the Beavers in the first place, and after of the Mountain leader the King and their people to build or fortify a Common here while I stayed. The Wolfs friend opposed this at first but was overruled and silenced by Wm. Colbert - I have built a Stockade

Fort, and leave a garison in it under the co
mand of Joseph Campbell Lieutenant of
Artillery, and shall myself with the re
mainder of my Command leave this pla
for Stately Island, or the day after or
Tuesday. Mr Campbell has directions
correspond with you, and to make every co
munication he may possess which relate
to your Office. I have made enquiry respecti
James Golden, but cannot learn that he is
a deserter from any of the Regiments in
service of the United States: although he may be
Peter Johnson is a deserter from my own Comp
ny; he left it when they were in garison a
Fort Mayac. I indicted him in 1792. in the
State of New York, and although he is a
great villain he will not be hardy enough
to deny these facts. He must be reclaimed
as an American Soldier. I beg you to
Continue your correspondence and comm
nication to me at Stately, and be assur
of my acknowledgments in return.

With much respect
Sir, Your Obed.
Humble Servant
Elisha Gaston
Capt. 1st Regt
of the U.S. in the ca
pacity of the Chief

Samuel Mitchell Esq.
Agent to the Chickasaws

Mem. Capt Gaston to Commissr
Fort Stanwix 9th November 1797.
Letter prep. aband.

Mississippi

Walnut Hills December 1. 1797.

Sir,

The Detachment of troops of the U States under my Command are in part destined to take possession of this post when abandoned by the troops of his Catholic Majesty: I have therefore to request of you to inform me whether you are ready to give possession of this post, or any part thereof, to the United States agreeably to the treaty between them and the Spanish Government— With great regard Sir I have the honor to be, Your Obedient And very Humble Servt.

Lieut Captain in the 3d Regt. U.S. & Comm'g their troops on the Mississippi

Lt Commandant Captain Commanding the troops of his Catholic Majesty at the Walnut Hills &c

N.B. Information contained Subsequent Correspondence shows that Capt Guion was seriously ill when he received & sent this letter.

Sir.

Natchez 29th December 1797.

The Bearer a Chickasaw by the name of [illegible] who claims confirmation of the U. States for services performed on the W. frontiers under General Wayne, how well founded his pretensions are I cannot determine, but have referred him to You as the proper Officer to enquire. I wrote to You last from the Chickasaw Bluffs, on the 8th Ultimo which place I left the day following and arrived here the 6th instant — a few days since I received a Letter from the Secretary of War under date of the 29th of September in which he says "that Mr. Hawkins has established Runners (?) "through the different Nations within his "Jurisdiction One of these will pass from "the Chickasaws & Choctaw Nations once "every three weeks to the (?) Little Turkey "Town, and thence to (?) Telliko in Tenessee "and to (?) Colonel Gaithers Headquarters on "the Oconee. Mr. Hawkins has appointed "an Agent to the Choctaws a Mr. Mitchell "You will be pleased to obtain a knowledge "of this Gentlemans Situation and make "arrangements with him to forward Your "Letters by these Runners —

Now Sir be good enough to inform

when and where I may with safety send dispatches to you, to be forwarded in the above mentioned manner to Louisville & Philadelphia — I have been confined by a violent inflammation in the head for more than five weeks past, and am still indisposed or I would be more communicative —

With due respect

Yrs, Sam Swan

Lieut & Agt Ter'd.

Samuel Mitchel Esq.
Agent at the Chocktaw.

Lt S. Swan Captain
in U.S. Army

Natchez Janv. 9.th 1798.

Sir,

"Your Letter of Yesterdays date is now before me, in it you are pleased to observe, "that the Motive of my Command being unknown to you in making Inquiries has an Appearance of Fortifying, and as you are entirely ignorant of any Danger you are in, you will be Loth to be acquainted with the Causes of such Preparations."

Sir, Permit me to remark in Answer to abundant Caution no reply, that what, You have call Inquiries are only so many Symptoms of Fear that would as soon the Purport of Fact as any Fortification. But I disdain to Lurk behind Equivocation, and therefore frankly inform You that they are Intended Solely for the Purposes of defence, as You might have readily inferred, knowing as You do the unsafe Situation of my Stores and Troops in a naked Camp in the boisterous Vernal and Autumnal Seasons; after the repeated Proofs of Friendship of Your Governor General & of attending to whatever might regard the Comfort of the Troops of the United States equal to that of the Troops of the King his Master — Here then is a strong proof of his Sincerity and desire to cherish and promote Harmony between the two Nations —

That you are entirely ignorant of any Danger, I could not [illegible] fairly that the Enemy in Canada, But I am [illegible] that the Enemy in Canada is in [illegible] Numbers, or that Humanity to it is not [illegible]

You say also "that the Land and Lake being the Property of Individuals, the "Congress have no Right even in this Case, to take any kind of Timber &c. without their "Consent." I think I could point out the distinction of this exception, and shew that they do not flow from the Idea of Property due to the Rights and Interests of Individuals — But I think it [illegible] to say, the People is chargeable at your door, for the Treaty, conceal the Cession, and suppress the Receipt of so many [illegible] more Sentiments — Remember to tell the Citizens on whose Grounds we have to Encamp, and who have complained to you, that the United States alone in Individuals to set off with the Use of any Property we shall take by their Officers; but on a just and fair Estimation of the Damage they will receive pay made

I remain with regard
Sir, Your most [illegible]
[illegible] Stephen Moore (Esq.) Clerk Comm.

Natchez 6th January 1798.

Sir

The Indisposition which I am suffering has prevented me from answering before this day your Letter of the 3d inst.; and even now I can only take notice of part, and such as it appears has resulted from misunderstanding the plain meaning of expressions contained in my Letter of the same date to You —

Your first observation to prove the friendly disposition of your Government, to contribute to the Comfort of my detachment when it should arrive at this place is the Offer you made of the Timber in the Kings Stores to cover Boats to cover Barracks for our Accomodation — but your Excellency Governor Gayoso's Offer of the Kings Buildings at Fort Gayoso, which you say is an Evidence of his real desire "of attending to whatever might regard the "Comfort of the Troops of the U.S. equal to "that of the troops of the King his Master" Your Offers as you say on my arrival of those contributing all in their power for my Convenency —

Your offer of Timber in a Swamp on the opposite Side of the River to a detachment like that of Mr. Jones's proves no —

disposition to contribute our aid in erecting
or providing accomodations for our troops
but entitles them on the generosity of
your independents Relations —

Governor Gayoso's offer of Fifty Troops had
been received by me at Chickasaw Bluffs
and my answer to that effect acknowledged
before Receipt of this Letter —

Your offers of contributing all in your power
to our Convenience, were so many proofs of
Candor — You offered no one place or House
and when I called you in my Letter, whether
Governor Gayoso had required any
Quarters to be provided for my Detachment
You replied in the Negative —

You say that you are candid in declaring
your ignorance of any Danger that menaces
either of us, and that you conceive my
apprehensions of hostility meant to my Camp
groundless, and then draw a lengthy conclusion
from what Yourself had Letter — Where do
you find this apprehension of hostility in my
Letter? or why so strenuously endeavour to fix
Offence in me making a Camp comfortable
when your real desire is to contribute all in

your

Your power to that Comfort & and decision with
You tell us that you are very Shortly to
abandon the Country. I agree with you
Sir, that nothing in the smallest degree
offensive is intended by our forces Labour
that it is intended Wholly as a Cover for
Ordnance, and Artillerists that Stores will be
laid over it for that purpose, and that I
will go as far as Prudence in all things
Proper to maintain a reciprocity of good
Offices, and a Good understanding between
the two Nations ——

With true regard
I am Sir
Your Obedient Servt
Isaac Ogden

Capt. Stephen Miron

Paternoster January 3. 1798.

Sir, I feel a very unpleasant sensation, which affects me in the least on the 20. of November last has until now denied me the power, and deferred me of the pleasure of communicating the receipt of your Excellencies Commission dated the 30. of October which I was honored on the 20 of November following, two days prior to my arrival at the Ottoman Porte. Your Excellency observes "that in the same manner as the first difficulties mentioned by Baron Herbert & General Wilkinson, were removed by the Vessel sent of the United States, so will these that unluckily subsist." I candidly confess my ignorance of those difficulties which unluckily subsist, unless your Excellency alludes to the objection raised on your part to the participation given by the Court of the British in the navigation of Constantinople; and which business I am informed is now in ministerial negociation. But which does not offer the smallest obstacle to the first Article of the other parts of the treaty.

Your Excellency will permit me to differ in opinion with you respecting the objects of the Consuls office, which you say manifestly on

attack against this province. — If it appe
manifests to your Excellency, it does no
so to the Executive of the United States, as the
reply of their Secretary of State to your Excell
strongly evidences, which documents is now in my
possession.

Mr Blanco assures, in my opinion
has not the least relation to the fulfilment
or non fulfilment of the treaty. —

As I am better versed in the stile
of a Court, than the stile or intrigues of a
Court, I hope that Your Excellency will for
a period to a correspondence, already becom
too lengthy, by unequivocally fixing the
time when the persons of Stately and
Pollard Tilles will be set at Liberty, and
thus prevent my giving any offence by
misconstruction, or uncourtly expressions in
reply.

With true Consideration of
Respect, I have the honor to be,

His Excellency
Mon.r Gayoso de Lemos
Gov.r General of
Louisiana and
W. Florida

Your Excellencies
most Obedient
Humble Servant
Thomas Jefferson
&c.

Natchez 29th January 1798

Sir,

On the 24th I was honored with your Excellency's favour of the 18th instant from Orleans which should have been earlier acknowledged but for a continuation of indisposition—

Whatever may have been the motives for the delay that has occasioned so much discussion, or from whence it originated, is now to me quite immaterial. it is enough that the operations for abandoning the Posts and for fulfilling in every other point the Treaty have commenced, and provided they are continued with industry adequate to accomplish them in due time, I have no doubt but what has passed will soon be forgotten as a reciprocity of interest will begot through mutual intercourse the like friendships—

Two Galleys with troops and military stores passed down from the Bluffs yesterday, this is what I mean by the commencement of that desireable object— As your Excellency must be more accurately informed of the real dispositions of the Indians thereat where you are, the line of demarcation will probably shape, you are consequently the best judge of the strength

of escort necessary (if any) that should at-
-tend the Commissioners and Surveyors, a
Therefore I request your opinion on the
subject — The observations suggested by
Your Excellency of running the line thro
the settled part of the country, and all
rivers and water courses of magnitude th
the rivers mentioned in the treaty are
certainly such as they relate to facility and
economy for the moment; But would no
this produce future contention & expense
The determination on this point will in a g
degree govern in the strength of the guards, t
their quantity, and mode of furnishing provi-
sions necessary to the completion of this bu
-ness —

I shall expect your Excellencys ul
timate decision, on every thing that relates
to our common consent as expressed in
the third Article of the treaty of friendsh
limits and navigation, either by letter to m
or Gower delegated to Major Ellicot, that
the business may be entered upon without
further delay —

I have the honor to be with

great consideration of respect,

Your Excellency's

Most Obed.t & Humble Servt.

Thos. Easton Captain in

the Corps of the Ld. Comm.g

his troops, in this quarter

His Excellency

Manuel Gayoso de Lemos. B.Gen.l & Comm.r

in Chief. in Natchez &c.a &c.a

Natchez February 3.d 1798

Sir,

Your favour of the 5.th Ultimo by Boushannasby

came to hand on the 30.th following, and tomorrow

the purposes to reclaim. Capt.n Bissett has been

somewhat in writing as he did respecting sup-

plies, and as he is so for the abuse of

Indian imposture should beat the trouble

then they come in here, but which he is not

always willing to do: I have no doubt but that

supplies will be sent for the Chactaws this Spring

Summer following, yet much trouble is a-

ided by such holding away thing upto prin-

pals within Reach — Yesterday received

from Lieutenant Colonel Commandant in Chief of the
States army a talk and belt from the
Chickasaws, Chactaws, and Cherokees
nies to the Chickasaws & Cherokees
It is a sensible talk, and if well
dered, by an honest intelligent interpreter
will certainly produce great good, and be
the means of giving you ease, & it will
consequence among them. I shall endeav
to find a trusty Cherokee Indian by whom I can
send it to you to be afterwards sent to the
Chickasaws. I hope your situation will
now become more agreeable and less critical
as the Spanish Commissary is about to depart
at this place. His influence will sensibly
diminish with the Indians who have ma
them their very zealous friends. The expec
of our being stopped at the Mills is of a piece
with all other bragging talk used at this
time to endeavour to raise their consequ
ance, no matter by what means &. The
reports are now at an end, as the navigation
of the Walnut Hills has commenced, &
have reason to believe, that in a month
from this time, they will be away, by an
brigade from this place also when the
operation for running the line will no
doubt commence. I wrote to you on

29.th of December by a Chickasaw, I regretted
you to inform me how or where I could
send dispatches to you to be forwarded
to Philadelphia as therein pointed out.
I beg your attention to that business
if the Letter has got safe to hand.

I wish you to continue your communi-
cations, as I shall in every instance
where any thing presents of public im-
port —

With much regard
I am Sir, Your
Obedient Hum.e Servt.
Isaac Guion

Sam.l Mitchell Esq.r
Agent to the Chocktaws

Natchez February 18. 1798.

Sir, Your letter of the 19.th Ultimo from the Chickasaws
I received the 8.th instant by a Mr. John Teague a half
Chickasaw, related to Fop Toy to whom you had given it
in charge. Read to day by Mr. Roberts your letter from
the Chactaws, and which I suppose you misdated as it is
under that of the 3.d Ultimo: I am happy to learn that
you are likely to remain undisturbed among that peo-
ple, who I began to fear were about to be troublesome;
that the Wolfs friend should endeavour to create di
vension and discord between you and them is not sur-
prising, as he is in Spanish pay, and this is all he
can do for them, his own nation begin to know him
well, and I think will not listen to him. I wrote

to you on the 3d instant by Poushamastubby who left
this place in Company of a Captain Cohn, Son
Red Shoes a Chief who died at this place, and
to this John I made presents to the amount of
sixteen dollars besides provisions for himself and
people to enable them to reach their Towns; but
any surprise six days after I found that Capt. John
was still lurking about this place, which indu-
ced me to believe that the other fellow was no
far from him — Common fame says that th
Indians of the six towns are gone to Orleans for
Powder &c and that they intend to obstruct the ope-
ations of marking the line. It is certainly true th
many are now in the settled part of this District and
are pointing their march towards Orleans, perhaps
following the Ci devant Duke of that House who
with two brothers and a Marquis of Mountgoye
left this place on tuesday last the 8th and are believ
on business not friendly to the US. The talk and belt
mentioned in my letter by Poushamastubby I have not se
you yet; as I have not seen a place sufficient
-dence, without I send an Officer and which I
fancy will be the case and in a few days, by
whom I shall likewise forward my dispatches
for, to send forward by the post safe and
expeditious route — The Incarnator goes on Sunday
but I think it a thing certain.

With much respect,
I am Sir Your Obt.
Hum.e Serv.t J. Gu

Innocent Wilkinson Esq.r
Agent for Wells
To the Choctaws

Natchez February 25th 1796. J. G. M.

Sir

On the 18th of December last, twelve days after my arrival at this place, I was favored with your several communications of the 22d and 29th of September from the vicinity of Wareings town Agreeable to the intention, which I had the honor to announce to you in my letter of the 22d of October from the Chickasaw Bluffs, I left that place on the 9th of November, having garrisoned Fort Adams with one Subaltern and thirty non commissioned and privates, provisions for six Months, and Horses in proportion to the strength of the Detachment, and notwithstanding the lowness of the water and difficulty and hazard of the descent, in that state of the river, arrived with all my boats in good order at this place on the 6th of December following. The ill state of health in which I have been for more than three months, and from which I have not yet recovered, and the difficulty of communicating, owing to the unsettled state of affairs in the Indian nations, as the Secretary will observe by the correspondence with Mr Mitchell, acceded to the daily expectation of having it in my power to declare the evacuation of the posts in the territory of the United States in this quarter, have all conspired to procrastinate my communication. By the correspondence with the Spanish Officers, copies

of which are enclosed, you will be able to ascer
the state of the operations of which they relate.
place of my encampment, and the redoubt a
luded to in the letters between Captain Mun
and myself, is the spot on which Mr. Ellicott
had his tent when he first came to this place,
is about one thousand yards from their Fort,
little Field work has contracted much to the
operations that are now going on, and which
beyond doubt, be completed in the course of
the next month. Although Governor Gayoso
does not say in what manner the troops are
be left at the Walnut Hills and this place
yet he has directed Captain Minor to info
me that all the buildings &c will be left in t
same state as when in their occupancy. The fo
at this place is in a ruinous condition, and w
at first very badly planned, being a square with
lines of defence for the faces; and has little co
mand of the river, I should recommend a fo
tion below and near to the line. The inhabitants
this country are very anxious for the establishm
of some government from the exercise of
United States they are critically situated, and
hope have had the consideration of the Gover
ment. The Spanish post nearest to the line,
where the Stores and troops that have been
down from the Hills are sent to, is at a sma
river called Baton Rouge about one hundre
miles below the line, it is contemplated I a
informed, to build extensive works at that pl
and place a strong Garrison in them, bu

all their military force now in this quarter is not more than six hundred men, and by no means a formidable force. Two days ago I received a letter from Major Bruff dated the 11th instant at Fort Adams, he arrived with two Companies of the third Regiment on the 9th — The troops generally are much in want of Clothing, especially the Summer or light articles. Linen shirts would be useful in this climate, the summer heat being so intense as to sicken a Soldier during duty in woolen clothes; The mercury is now at 74° by a Thermometer on Farenheits Scale and has been up to 78° only three days back.

With the most perfect Respect I have the honor to be, Sir Your Obedient Humble Servant

Lucius Clark

The Honorable The Secretary of War

Natchez February 28th 1798.

Sir, In my letter of the 18th instant by Mr Robinson I mentioned the probability of my sending an officer with the talk and belt, and mentioned for the war office, and now do so by Lieutenant Pike who will hand you this; he is accompanied by General Mathews

formerly Governor of Georgia, and a Mr. Tu
man, one of the Gentlemen employed by our
Government to run the line between us a
the Spaniards. Roberts seems anxious t
be employed to carry letters between us, if
you know him and think him faithful yo
can get him, I believe, on good terms. Can
you prevail on some of your leading men in
Choctaws to make a visit to Philadelphi
depend on it more good would result fro
it than from fifty thousand dollars bestow
in presents in this country: and if this co
could be provided on to that effect here
return a convert. They have no Idea o
the consequence of the United States, and
most of them fearing our Orleans they co
ceive it to contain more riches than the
whole world beside. You mention the com
of supplies to win them from the Spanish
interest, whether any will come this Spring
them or not I am uninformed, but I kn
it was contemplated last year to join them
some. Major William Tensey has got
Fort Adams, and commands there
for the current news I refer you to Mr. P
& his companions.

With much respect

Sir, I am your Obe
& very humble Serv.

Samuel Mitchell
Esqr.

Natchez February 20th 1798.

Sir,

You will proceed without delay to the Brockelses on the Boyau Pierre, where you will find Mr. Isaac Tife, and with whom as your guide you will continue with all diligence your route to the Chactaw nation and deliver to Mr. Samuel Mitchell the (agent)
letter for him & the talk and belt, as likewise my packet addressed to the Secretary of war, all of which are now in your charge. You will remain no longer there, than time sufficient to refresh yourself and Horses, when you will return to this place with the best information, and report the nature of your journey — With respect Sir

Lieutenant Pope } I am Your Obed.
Thos. Gunt.

P.S.

"Mrs"

If the men dare view turns back soon distance, he will pass the lacks and bells allude to for the Choctaws - (one of two violation of the Chickasaws also -) can pass some traders up Indian in the Mobile route. are prosecuted after soon.

(1) Major Caswell Hardin. Surv? Wants a Brevet of Maj.
Thos. Freeman? Kaskaskia March 12. 1798.

Sir, (2) Major Freeman has informed me that
You are destined for the Walnut Hills, and that
it is probable You are now at that place. An
arrangement has been made and agreed on
between the Governor here and myself that
the Kings or public buildings without the Forts
or Redoubts, and exclusive of Block houses
which are for defence should be estimated
appraised as well at the Walnut Hills
at this and other places in this district. To
this effect one or more persons are to be chos
on each side whose opinion or evaluation is
be committed to writing and be signed by them
respectively which is to have no other binding
force than to serve as memorandums untill
collected and digested, when they are to be
sent to our respective governments, in order to
obviate and remove difficulties respecting the
object. Now Sir, will you please to direct such
an estimation to be made specifying the particular
building and its value, and I would recommend
that quadruplicates of the business be made, and
if you please to have transmitted here as soon
as possible, with a plat of the situation
of this post. I believe there are not more than
two, or three buildings at most, that does com
within the agreement, an Hospital, Store & Ba
House. The private buildings, would be a hin
drance in any case to the general business

be considered as Cum tens. as Major Kearney will leave this place tomorrow for Orleans, I have understood from him that the Troops immediately under Your Command are much in arrear of pay, and are directed by the Secretary of War to obtain Money on bills to pay them, as well as those directly under my own Command. Bills are gone to Orleans for this purpose, and as soon as the money arrives I shall apprise you of it, as well as of every occurrence or circumstance which may relate to our common interest, and that of our Country.

Please to make my respects to the Gentlemen with You in general, but more especially to my old friends Capt. Richard & Wade - and be assured Sir, that I am &c. &c.

Major Wm. Henry Harrison Captn. in the 3d Regt. of the U.S.

Commanding Officer

Natchez 12 March 1796.

Sir,

You have in charge three sets of Bills of exchange on the Secretary of War in favor of Saml. P. Moore Merchants of New Orleans, also by a Copy of Saml. P. Moores Letter of the 15 Ultimo I was agreed to negociate them at 2½ P. Cent above par. This of course makes the sum he is to furnish You with amount to D. 450 Dollars, which You will make arrangements with him to have

delivered to me safely at this place as
by as possible; as you know the arrears in
which the troops are I need not be more
explicit to you on this part of the busine
It will be necessary for you to have some
Escort, if the money for all the bills should
not be ready, or otherwise only deliver one or
more bills agreeably thereto this however I
confide to your own prudence & discretion
when on the Spot — If to bring part you
should find it necessary to procure
one or more pack Horses you are hereby
authorised so to do — Wishing you much
pleasure & happiness, I am Sir your [illegible]

I Obed. Humbert
Lt Colo.

Capt. Luck
of the 3d Regt.

(omitted in its place) — Natchez February 25th 1798 (Duplicate by Bute

Sir, Agreeable to my intentions as mentioned to you Excellency in
letter from the Bluffs of the 23d of October last, I left that place on the
of November having Garrisoned Fort Adams with one Subaltern &
non Commissioned & private, supplied with provisions for six
and other Stores in proportion to the strength of the detachment. Notwithst
the extreme lowness of the water and difficulty & hazard of the descen
that state of the river arrived with all my boats in good order on the 6
December at this place

× Referring to Letter Secretary Knox 2 Nov. 1792
this Letter was addressed to Genl W.

Natchez March 27th 1798.

Dear Major

Should this find you in St. Louis it will be handed to you by a Mr. Stewart Wilkins from Kentucky and brother to our 2d Lieutenant, he left the Chickasaw Bluffs on the 15th. instant where Captain Pierce had been fifteen days, and Major Sunsy had not yet arrived, and I have reason to believe that he is not yet arrived at the Walnut Hills which place was evacuated on the night of the 23d. and Friday next the 30th. is the day fixed for the same operation to take place here. The express who carried you letters to the Walnut Hills the 8th. instant is still at that place, and with them or eight other

Americans there, are keeping that fe
until Surveys arrival, what can have
delayed him so long is to me inconce
-vable. The delinquency, Your Contract
in the article of flour has obliged m
to have purchased for his account the
Mr. Wilkins brought to this place at the
of 12 & 14 dollars per barrel, I have now a
ample supply for six months — I hope
Your dessert found agreeable, and that
You may find a comfortable and safe
passage to Georgia, and after a speedy
and happy interview with the objects of
Your esteem, for whom I have abundant
respect being Sir so intimate connexion
of my friend — God keep you in his
protection.

Yours Sincerely
Dear —
Major Constant Freeman Esq

N.B. I retain Some part of the correspondence herein Shewing the families
in the Army with Maj Freeman please & You Reader has for Sincere Love
Sight of what Some Years

Natchez March 30th 1798.

Duplicate
by Butler

Sir, I have the Honor to announce to your Excellency the evacuation of the posts of Walnut Hills and Natchez by the troops of his Catholic Majesty — That of the first took place on the night of the 23d instant, and last night they withdrew in like manner from here I have put a Sentinel in this fort & the flag of the US states now is waving over the ramparts — Major Kersey, who has orders from the Secretary of War to take Command at the Walnut Hills has not yet arrived here on the 24th when I last heard from that place, and it was in the supposition of an express I had sent to him and of seven more American Citizens — In two or three days hence I shall expedite a Courier with all the papers of my transactions of the winter to your Excellency, which together with the precariousness of this conveyance prevents me from being more explicit. Major Kersey arrived here on the 7th instant, and by him I had the honor to receive your Excellency's communications — with the most perfect respect, and esteem I have the honor to be

Your Excellency's

His Excellency
Edward Wilkinson

Very Obedient, Humble Servt.

Natchez 3d April 1798.

Sir

On the 29th Ultimo by your brother Mr. Richard Clark I had the pleasure to receive your favor of the 19th of the same, together with three thousand Dollars — The obliging manner in which you have been pleased to act in this business, demands my warmest acknowledgements and thanks, which be pleased Sir to accept — I shall according to the proposals made known by Major Minor's letter most perfectly satisfied, and shall in all transactions of this or any other nature to be done at Orleans for me, consider you my agent — You will now receive by the hands of your brother Mr. Richard Clark five sets of bills of exchange of two thousand dollars each, accompanied with letters of advice agreeably to your request — If I am continued in command at this post, and I have no reason to doubt it, a similar sum will be soon wanted, of which you shall have timely notice — I have your Brothers receipt for the to be delivered to you, and have given him credit for the Cash received — To him I will refer you for the Current Occurrences of the Day since I parted; and with much personal respect and esteem remain Dear Sir, Your very obedient humble Servant

Gaius Conner

Capt. Clark Junr. Esqr.
Merchant N. Orleans

Salem April 12. 1798

Sir,

I am Late of the 11th by Wilson with the enclosures I received on the 9th and 10th Today by Captain Wade that of the 9th in Lieut with Sundry Muster Rolls and Vouchers — Several have been required to have accompanied the Musters with pay and Receipt Rolls, for the want of which I shall now only be able to furnish Captain Wade with a Sum on account, averaging two Months pay, until the documents are thus arranged and which is conformable to my instructions from the Secretary of War when however the papers are thus arranged and sent to me, I will pay them up for the last year — I am sorry to find that you are so destitute of Medicine, and Physicians, and that it is so little in my power at this moment to assist you with either the one or the other — Doctor M.c Cosby is on furlough, by permission of the Commander in Chief, to whom he had written & offered his resignation if it should not have been granted him. He left Philadelphia the 13th Ultimo, & was then on the eve of imbarking in a Ship for New York. Medicine for the troops, I had written for last December, and what we have made use of is stated & there we can find it in this place, anticipating however your situation in this respect. Had I engaged a Doctor Dorsey to attend the Recruits

at the Chickasaws on the arrangements for a sur-
render the disposition of the troops should be known
State; he is now at New Orleans, and may be
pected here in ten days — It is to be presum-
that Dr Jones will bring medicine with him, but
if this should not be the case, and that none
should arrive in this month, I will make
arrangements to have a supply sent up a
New Orleans and sent to you as soon after
as possible — I wish that the detachment I
left at Fort Adams had been ordered to join
their Command, keeping them from their co
navies perplexes the accounts and is repugn
to the Generals orders and instructions. Th
been left here by Major Freeman with
return with Captain Wade in three day
hence, and I hope it may then meet your
views to send to their Command those you
from Fort Adams — The information yo
received of my bringing two Garrison flag
with me is incorrect; It is true that I h
a General order for two to be made at Wes
Washington, and put up by the Q. M. — But
as every underling in that department wished
obey or evade General orders, two were mad
but only one hoisted up — This Lieut. Lamb
could have told you as he knew that the fl
left at Fort Adams, was made by my direct
at the Chickasaw Bluffs.

With great respect

Sir, Your very obed

& most Hum. Ser

One Corp.l & Seven of 6 Corp.l Pikes Comp.y are sent for. The
who will hand you this Key are victualled to the 17.th inst
inclusive —

Major Wm Kersey Comm.g 1st Regt

Natchez April 19th 1798.

Sir,

Your communications by Major Thruston were handed to me by that Gentleman on the 7th Instant - and a few days after he left this place for New Orleans - I had the honor to write to you on the 25th of February and at the same time forward by the same conveyance (which I forbear to name for fear of all my correspondence to that date which I hope came safe to your hands -

I have now the satisfaction to announce the evacuation of the posts of Walnut Hills and Natchez, by the troops of Spain - The first took place on the night of the 28th and that of the latter on the night of the 29th Ultimo - The buildings and works were left in the same State the whole occupied by the troops of his Catholic Majesty - As I had reason to believe from Major Freemans report, that Major Kersey would shortly after that time be with his command at the Walnut Hills and in conformity to your instructions that in certain case I should take no notice of that place, I only sent on by him with a letter to Major Kersey a Copy of which is enclosed - Contrary to my hopes Major Kersey did not arrive there before the 2d instant, yet by the attention of my Interpreter a few well disposed inhabitants the works and buildings were preserved from destruction; some of the locks & hinges and some plank excepted - The troops are much in want of Clothing, particularly my Company which having been many years

detached have been less regularly supplied
and of Teal more destroyed by an am
share of Labour on public works than
others — Medical aid, and medicine
are likewise very deficient in — You will
See that Doctor Mc. Cosky is on furlo
and Mr Keys I have taken to employ
place until the pleasure of the Presi
-ent of the United States on that Busine
may be known, it is indispensably ne
-cessary that some one Physician should
be at the Walnut Hills, as it is con
-sidered an unhealthy spot, or I shou
not have taken it upon me to make
an engagement such as that with Doc
Dorsey — I have in several instances be
obliged to make advances to the Contrac
-ors agent for supplies of provisions f
the troops, and on the 28.th Ultimo d
on the Secretary of War in favor of Lew
Wilkins for 2434 Dollars to be charg
to Jonas Ostrander at the treasury for fl
purchased for the troops — agreeably
your instructions and have contain
in your letter of the 16.th of October rec
ved by Major Freeman, have drawn
the Secretary of War to the amount of
15086 Dollars. In favour of Dan.l Clar
for 10,000 — In favour of Sam.l & Young
3000 — In favour of Jesse & Abijah Hunt
for 981 Dollars, these three sums for
by a Navy of the troops — and in favo
of Robert Lee. Cochrane for 1205 96/100 Dol

the Quarter Gen.ls Department making as just stated in the above the sum of fifteen thousand and eighty dollars — Captain Wade is now here from the Rifles to receive the Pay &c for the Troops at that post — The Indians are very importunate and desirous to know when any Cherokees will be sent for them, I have not ventured to declare any reason, but tell the Chiefs that all the Cherokees within the limits of the United States as well from a post they still have on the Tennessee as elsewhere, gave them little hopes of receiving any thing more than a little provisions —

With the utmost respect

Sir, I am Your Obed.t
and very Humble
Serv.t Glenn Capt.

James M.c Henry
The Honorable
the Secretary of
War U.S.

Duplicate of this the 13.th of June —
By Mitchells post —

Natchez April.th 1.st 98

Sir,

Your letter of the 18.th instant by a Mr Wiley I received on the 20.th — Captain Wade will explain to you what you could not perceive in my letter of the 12.th — and as a proof of the necessity of such purchases in the Pay of Troops I have quoted for your satisfaction that part of the letter from the Honorable the Secretary of War which relates to the matters in question — You will be pleased to consider yourself also authorised to draw

"for the amount of the pay of the Garrison
"at Walnut Hills and to have the pay
"made to the troops there under the usual
"established forms" — Captain Wade
receives 553 Dollars on account, as the
average of three Months pay to the non-
Comm.d and privates of Captain Pierce's
Captain Richards, & his own Companies
and 860 Dollars for the Officers, all agreeable
to the enclosed Statement — Gen.l Irvine
in favour of Dickey for twenty Dollars
for apprehending the two deserters from
Captain Lewis's Company, was paid as
as presented — Baxter Dorsey has not yet
returned from Orleans, what can detain
him I cannot conjecture, when he comes
he will be directed to put up some Medi-
and Hospital Stores & to join you with
delay — Captain Wade takes with him
the men left here by Major Freeman
all but one, who deserted on the 30.th
Inclosed is a list of their names, and
the Companies to which they belong —
Captain Bunker joins with the rest of the
Men of the Detachment in order
to join & the Gentlemen with you, I
more more than for

Your Obed.t
Humb.l Serv.t
Thos. Lewis

Major Wm. Kirby
Comm.g at the
Walls

N B. The Navy Rations as under for the Money now sent by Captain Wade, for the other Months to complete the Last Year will be forwarded, and whatever other Money may be transmitted by the Office, you may think proper to send — By

I omitted mentioning before, our having apprehended James Green a Deserter from Captain Pickarads Company — he has been tried by a General Court Martial, and sentenced to receive one hundred Lashes at four different times, to be branded in the forehead with the Letter D, and be drummed out of the Army: which Sentence is now in Execution —

April 24 1798
Major Hervey

I remain Captain

Natchez April 29th 10 at night 1796

Sir, I wrote to you on the 24th by Captain Wade, but who did not leave this place till Yesterday — Doctor Dorsey who I named to you in two of my letters antecedent to this, arrived this evening from Orleans, and sets off in the same boat tomorrow to ascend the river as far as New Madrid where his family at present reside — He wishes to have them with him at the Walnut Hills, and indeed this was a primary object with him in our agreement to which I acceded — you will be able to learn from himself how long he will be absent, and give your consent accordingly, but I have no doubt of your willingness to accord him the time requisite to effect his business — He sets off early tomorrow

I shall not by

him be able to send you any Medicine, I
pleased Sir, to direct an estimate made of su
Articles as will be necessary for the Troops.
I will have them procured from N. Orleans
and sent to you as soon as possible —
With respect & friendship
I am Sir Your Obedient and
Very Humble Servt —

Major Wm. Lucy

Sir Wm Ellicott

Natchez May 5th 1798.

Sir

Your Excellency's communication of the 10th Ultimo by
Lieutenant Beatty I had the honor to receive yesterday
by the hand of that Gentleman, owing to many reasons
the most powerful one, the almost depreciation of dep
which complaint remained with me for more than
three months after my arrival here, I have not wrote
to your Excellency so often as I should have otherwise
done, namely on the 25th of February & 30th of Janu
I duly received your communications by the Marquis
of Mountjoye on the 12th of February, those by Major
Freeman on the 7th of March, by Mr. D. Jones
the 12th of April, and by Mr. Burnet on the 29 fol
-lowing — He left the Chickasaw Bluffs, as you Ex
Lucy will see by my Letter of the 25th of February,
the 9th of November and arrived here the 6th of Decem
I halted two days at the Walnut Hills to procu
Beef for the detachment, of which by the barbaro
Stupidity of my Commissary we were in want,
of which I got a supply — although I was scarce
able to bear the light, and in torture with an
Inflamation in the head which seemed to baffle
skill to seduce, I made out to crawl to the Fort
Commandant Elias Beauregard a decorated sq
to the Copy hereunto enclosed his answer was returned
— in Spanish

and badly understood by a Frenchman, but very plainly intelligible for me to understand, that he had no orders of that kind from the Governor General, a third time before I made the demand — This place shall not be named boasted of impregnable post, could have been carried by any Frenchman in fifteen minutes — they behaved handsomely, and declined their not having ordnance to return a polite object they expected would be offered to them, but this I would not consent to give them as they were in the territory of the United States — nothing material after this occurred till Captain Delinors letter of the 2.d of January, what followed, copies of the letters correspondence is herewith inclosed — Captain Dunbar with his company occupies the Fort, and the infantry continue in their former position encamped near the Redoubt — indeed there is no place to put them in that miserable Fort, crowding and tumbling in every side — Ellicott went from here the 9.th to Willings Bayou as it is called, a little below Mr. Daniel Clarks, where he now is doing little or nothing; he has very much lessened himself and sullied the Commission given him, by his conduct before and since his arrival here — I did not believe it till I saw it, and supposed it calumny — that does such a reptile as Branch brand Mr. Daniel Clark with being in Spanish interest? This is of a piece with the barbarous ignorance & wickedness of old — they are neither of any account here amongst the better kind of the community — Freeman went from here on the 13.th of March and remained in New Orleans till the 15.th of April when he left that place in company of Colonel Charles Howard by the lakes for Pensacola — Doctor M.c Castry went on furlough the 1.st of March, and left New Orleans on the 7.th of April for New York in the Ship Argus — Since the Spanish troops withdrew from here, I am constantly teazed with all kinds of business, complaints for abuse, Slander, arrest for debts, Thefts, and the utmost Catalogue of

Vexations, and keepsy am I to find that a
Government for this Country has been formed by
General Government — The recent inflamation
which incommoded me in the head, has not
left my eyes, Your Excellency must therefore
so indulgent as to pardon the manner of
letter — Captains Skinner & Pickle are at
here, the first is an American at heart, I
latter says he is a Consul — I say he is? —
perhaps so — A friend of mine who I saw
saw, but being dear to a friend of mine
him one to me, is expected here in January
he has lately written from the remote co
where he is, to a friend below, that he is lik
to succeed to his wishes —

With the most respect
and most perfect attention, I
have the honor to be your Exc
Very Obedient & most Hum.

His Excell.
Gen.l Wilkinson, Comm.r in chief
of the Army of the West

Natchez May 3d 1795.

Sir, Your letter of the 3d by Lieutenant Butler I received yesterday evening at Six OBlock — I observe that the Commander in Chief did not conceive that the Spanish troops had withdrawn from this post, and his orders are applicable to existing circumstances in such case — I am only informed that I know of no troops of Spain remaining in this district within the limits of the U.S, except my Captain Stephenson, and Captain Joseph Vidal, the first of the Army, the latter of Militia, and said to possess Commission of appointment for this District. Lieutenant Butler is somewhat indisposed, no doubt owing to his indefatigable industry in descending from Headquarters to this place, and requires a little rest before he can to morrow or the day after set forward. Captain Mack I expect is near arrived, if no accident has arrived to retard him in his absence, as he left this place on the evening of the 28th Ultimo, and was at the Bayou Pierre on the morning of the 2d — With my respects to the Gentlemen of your Command

Major Wm Kersey Sam Jour Hitchcock
Thursday Secr.

Natchez May 8th 1798

Sir, Your letter of the 3d Ultimo & two thousand dollars by Monsr. Auguste Chouteau I duly receive on the 18th following. A variety of occupations constantly crowding on me perplexed my mind that it had escaped me, or the favor should have been earlier acknowledged — I hope Your Brother Richard arrived safe at Orleans and with him the Bills, in manner as you mentioned ten thousand dollars — I reciprocate your congratulations on the withdrawing of the Spaniards, & wish that the possession of this Country may ensure quietly to the inhabitants, and also that it may afford the benefits of a liberal commerce between

our Citizens above, and the mercantile world in your Quarter —

With much esteem —
Sir, Your Obedient
& very humble Servt.
J. Gayoso

Mr. Daniel Clark Junr.
Merchant N. Orleans

Sir, Natchez May 9th 1798.

Your letter of the 7th of March covering two invoices of Indian presents, and the packages as therein mentioned, by Mr. Daniel Burnett I received of him the 28th of April — This goes by Mr. Francois Jr. and with him Wilson who you sent back Deserter Mr. Jones being in the same Department with from my Dep.t be able to afford you a State of his accounts as they stand here — Be pleased Sir to make a tender of my respects to General Colonel Neville & to your Lady —

With regard, Sir
Your Obed.t
Humble Servt.
J. Gayoso

Isaac Craig Esqr
D.Q.M.G.

Dear Sir, Natchez May 9th 1798 —

On the 27th ult.o by Mr. Dan.l Burnett I had the pleasure to receive your favour of the 7th March — I am surprised at the delay of Mr. Tolin in assembling to go through Cash fall & winter — the Geese to the Chickasaw Bluffs some time in January, and the Cask of Oil by him (what remained in it) I received by Lieutenant Bowyer on the 2nd of February — Edward Ellard arrived here about the 12th ultimo, but as Quin has always Your Stores it is only from outdoor report that I heard of some neglect in him, and perhaps unde

property coming down — Mr Lyon arrived at the same time, he opened his heart & confided with me diligence and informed me that the two Casks of Wine and Brandy were lost with a number of my goods in Funchal — I have been kept with my detachment since the 6th of December last, and died shortly after my arrival got a copy of the Contract between the Chiefs & Contractors of Yonnely, and finding that it continued only to the 1st of September 1797 and that it had expired I proposed to Mr Quin to purchase him out for from Account on my Credit, as I found that it could be done at a much better rate, and we be better dispatched — Beef, Corn fed at 3½ Dollars and the best Pork at four Dollars the Barrel — But I fear the Business was anticipated and Yonn mean mended to for this reason, I objected the Plan — Yet I am since sorry that I did so, though it would have added to my business, we should have been better fed and that part of the Station would not have cost more than 3½ or at most 4 Cents — I am not envious of any mans elevation, I would not revenge an injury if I had no other way of doing it against a man out of my reach by incendiary against him, to his station: But I fear that your business is not in proper hands, I mean those of Mr Quin — He has for three months past become too fond of Bridgal to pay attention to his business — If the Contract continues with you another Year, by all means get a Clever fellow, a man of business at the head of your affairs in this Country; they are becoming important, and will be still more so: and purchase for yourself — and a store well chosen English & Irish goods here, as then you will make Cash for Cash and purchase a great part of your Beef with them: The people do so who you have employed and find their account in it, and such their goods are bought for Dollars & a trifle advance, and they are even without Cash — I have paid Quin Cash for his Account

enclosed, and draw in favour of Stewart Bill
for seven dollars at the time as mentioned; we have
then four bottles on hand — my respects
my friends in your Quarter — I am Dear

James O'Hara Esqr.
Contractor —

Your Obedient
Humble Servant
Isaac Guion

Dr James Guion as agent for James O'Hara Esqr. Contractor
To the United States by Capt. Guion

1797. Dr
Nov. 6th To Cash advanced you to defray expenses 48 —
1 Dec. To Cash Do to Insurance Boat — — 80 —
1798.
March 28. To a Bill drawn on the Secretary
of War, at ten days sight in favor
of Stewart Williams for seven of him } 2434
Dollars 2562.

Natchez May 9th 1798.

Dear Sir

It is doubtful where this will find you
You follow the Head Quarters of the Army. Mr Jou
who will hand this to you, will be able to give you
current news in this Country I have my Quarter Ma
Manager — He has encreased to a Contagious Bo
It is almost impossible to discharge with fort
titude the active duties of this Office — an indisp
-sition under which I laboured for a long time after
arrived here prevented me from being so minute in
him as I should otherwise have been, during the con
-tract, which he bought from Mr Washington he
been out, I knew nothing of it, till some time af
when he brought in an account for Cash Stores
-procuring Dr 1205 25/100 Dollars, for which I drew a Bi
on the 15th March last in favor of Robert Ferg

Cochrans — payable at 10 days sight at the Treasury of the United States, & to be charged to the War Department — This is a strange Country, & peopled in a very strange manner — a great number of the most turbulent Characters who have fled from the different States, for fear of having justice done on them — They are the most clamorous for government & fearing nothing to protect you & your property — should you have Leisure, when this reaches you be so good as to drop me a line —

With respect & Esteem —

I am Dear Sir

Your Obed.t

Humble Serv.t

Isaac Guion

General John Wilkins

D.M.G.

Dear Sir

Pittsburgh May 10.th 1794.

As the particular instance of Capt. Butler I beg leave to mention to you the great necessity he will have for a pilot or man, conversant acquainted with the short cuts in ascending, it will save him much in time and Cordage, and more immediately effect what is expected of him by the General — If the Clothing for the troops has reached you, do hasten it, use such haste as is to come here, forward — The men, especially of my Company are naked — All the men of the Detachment left at the Rapids have not yet joined and they are those that were doing duty in Capt. Cloths Company though not then belonging to it, but who have been since mustered in it — Send back Boyd the Guide for Mr. Butler without delay as he is on time —

Your very Obed.t

Humble Serv.t

Compliments to Mrs. —

Major Kirkpatrick —

I. Guion

N. Orleans 11 Feb. 1793

Mr. Carey was here this day.

Sir

Your Letter by Adams of the 4th instant I received about an hour ago — I remember that I told you here, as well as before by letter, that I suspected that Genet on so much carried at Orleans, who came from here the 13th of February, was on business to the United States — I am now convinced of it — Remedy the effects of the talks given to the Choctaws below, in favor of the French, the remembrance of their old friends the British should be brought to their connexion by blows with the Americans, on people in language decks — and the strength of the Americans if they should be made angry — That they are not like the French or Spaniards, when they are but like themselves, know the woods, are armed with rifles, and are as numerous as the trees in the forest — I am sorry that you did not engage and send me in an interpreter with Adams; I am hourly in want of one — It is not possible for me to determine when they will go on with the line, but the fellows should be sent down notwithstanding — And I wish that you would immediately employ two trusty and active fellows to go down to the Fort or the Tombigbee near there, if Mobile to see what is going on there, one come back and the other come in to me, if any thing necessary for me to know — I will pay them well if they come in here — This must be done immediately and send me in their names — It is true that part of the goods which I expected, are arrived — a like quantity is at the Mobills, and there I would wish that a few of their best warriors or headmen would go — They should always have something in writing from you mentioning who they are, and of what consequence in their nation, to prevent imposition — As we are stronger at the Mobills than at this place, it may make an impression on the half breeds

The leading men to send them Lt. Major Kemp to receive some presents when four goods are here are only to be given to the leading men — It is very extraordinary that they should so soon lose confidence in the United States, if they ever had any in them — when they know that the Spaniards have not left the American side of the line in the Tombigbee, and that we have but just got possession here of the W. Bluffs. But I view their threats to their Chiefs as only intended to try our policy and firmness — Doubtless they are urged to do it by the French & Spanish emissaries, who are numerous and busy at this moment — But more anon when I see the man who took the dispatches sent by Lieutenant Pope has returned or not — Mr. Ellicott and his people are yet on the River Bank waiting for I know not what — The Spaniards I find do not mean to go on, and are wasting time to serve some French Plan once in agitation.

We will soon have a respectable Military force in the Country, and things must then have an Issue —

With respect Sir

Sam[l] Mitchell Lt. Col[o] Comd[t] &c. &c.
T. A. to the Choctaws

Sam[l] John Brig[r] Gen[l]
Genoa

Natchez May 15th 1798.

Sir,

I received conduct of the Spanish Governor
neral in the business of the line of demarcation, d
d to a variety of concurring reports as well from
Choctaw nation as below, makes it necessary for
guard against events injurious to the United
tes, and to call on you for such immediate aid
you can spare from your command to reinforce
detachment now here — and to this end you are
no doubt instructed by the Commander in Chief

It is not for me to direct of what Corps the b
will be that you detach to my Support, but if I
should find to advise, perhaps it will be as well to
your own Corps - but this Sir as you please —
The French are beyond doubt meditating a Str
at this country; and the Dons are entirely ab
the business — I would recommend it to you, to
an eye to some of the people left at your Garison
when the Dons left it — particularly Blays —

Should you want an interpreter, or a man
to express on any business in the Indian Count
I would Recommend you to apply to a Mr. Ch
Perry, who lives on Boyau Piere, he understan
the Indian Language & manners well, and is
be depended on — any one he sends to you may
confided in — I am with respect

Sir, Your Very Obedie
& Most Humble Ser
Lucien Captain

Major Wm Kerry
Commanding at
Fort St Vills
By Chency —

Natchez May 19. 1798.

Sir,

You will tomorrow morning embark the detach
under your Command, on the boat provided for you
the Commissary Anderson; and will repair with all p
per diligence to the Camp or station where Mr Andre
Ellicott Esq. Commissioner for the line of demarcation sh
be found; and when there, your Detachment is, under y
own orders, to act as a guard to him, the Surveyor M
Freeman, and to the instruments & Stores attached
to the Commission — You are to bear constantly in mi
that the profession of Arms is an honorable one; and

that your charge is of a most trifling magnitude: that in no instance, or by any directions are the soldiery to be employed as Labourers or Drudges: but in that of their duty under Arms — I quote for your information and recollection part of the 6th Article of the Standing General orders of the 22d of May 1797 — as follows Viz — "To withdraw soldiers "from his professional duties, and to subject him "to the orders of persons not attached to the Army, "or to impose upon him menial Laborious services "is an abuse of Authority, a breach of Contract, a "deep injury to the Service; because it discourages "negligence in the Soldier, and in effect destroys "his arms and his clothing — This practice is therefore "positively prohibited" — You will keep your Command in frequent exercise of their Arms, and marching and Wheeling, and always ready to meet whatever occasion may present — You will from time to time furnish me, or the Commanding Officer at this post, with returns, noting every casualty that may have occurred in your detachment, as well also of every information you may receive relative to the public weal or injury —

Wishing you an agreeable and Honorable time —

I am Sir

Your Obedient

Humble Servant

J. F. C.

Ensign John McClay 2d

Natchez June 7th 1798.

Sir,

Since I wrote you letter of the 4th instant by Mr Seamens; and am sorry that a death, such as you complain of should afflict you: we have many cases of that article, Fevers, only what is manufactured or Engendered here, but what must stop at your post, and unless it is smuggled by, you know your first duties on the Ground to Guard. I have long since directed Doctor Pfeiffer to make an estimate of Medicine & Hospital Stores for the troops as are at your post as here we have to wait its arrival from New Orleans to which place the order has some time ago been sent — Ensign Ivers with twenty privates of Captain Thomas Davis's company arrived here on the 22d Instant, they are no great augmentation to the Strength of the Command, as I daily discharge many, & the Officer are on the Sick Report — Mr Hardy Perry had left this before your letter arrived, so that you have nearer your Garrison, than I have him to send

The Sergeant wanted more Strength to aid him to return, and I have sent one man of Captain Davis's Company under his Command for that purpose — they are directed to include the 4th instant —

With respect Sir

I am Your Obed.t Serv.t

J. Guion Captain

Major Bruff Commg

Natchez June 13. 1798

Sir,

I was honored with the receipt of your letter of the 20th of March, on the 4th of May by Lieut. Pinckney, with instructions from General Wilkinson at Kaskaskia, and on the 10th of April — and on the 11th instant with further instructions from General Wilkinson under date of the 23d of April, and so far as they are applicable to the existing state of things in the circle of my command, they will be scrupulously and implicitly obeyed — We have had a variety of reports here respecting the intentions of the French aiming an attack upon this Country, and at one time, that they had a considerable Military force landed at Pensacola and after which I dispatched couriers each in that quarter immediately, who have returned only six days since, and although that there is no doubt in the report, yet as it is the quarter from which we are the most likely to be assailed, if at all, we shall guard it with the most vigilance — Mr. Ellicott went from here the 9th of April, to commence his operations in ascertaining & marking the line of partition — he has commenced and run out about four Miles, it is thirty nine miles South of this place — On the 30th of May Governor Gayoso came up to the line bringing with him the Spanish guard to the Commissioner, and an Officer of the Spanish Navy, who it had been said was to have acted as astronomer — But he returned for Orleans in the first instant taking with him his Officer, and leaving the direction of the business with a Mr. William Dunbar, Captain Stephen Minor, and Mr. Thomas Power — The military escort or guard thirty in number is Commanded by a Lieutenant who gave his word of this district, who when left to the undisputed exercise of their own judgements, are in the majority above the ordinary capacity of like members in civil life, they are attentive, anxiously look for the Laws and Officers of government for this Country. They are and have been remarkably tranquil, their situation fairly considered, and have behaved since they arrived, perfectly

of the Governor, Judges &c. would add much to his satisfaction, and my ease — Inclose copies of a notice to them at a moment that a fire alarm had nearly caused a serious, ethical problem happy effect and restored quiet, causing the tion with confusion — I have also enclosed a -plicate of my letter of the 19th of April, since I have been on the Journey of Mess^rs Pond, Jasper Mitchone, and Pettingill on the fifth of Sundts of May in five sets of exch for five thousand dollars for pay to the troops —

With the greatest respect
I have the honor to be
Sir, Your Obedient
Humble Servant
Lucius Clay

The Honorable
the Secretary of War
for the United States

Natchez June 13th 1798.

Sir, Your letter by Adams of the 2d instant reach me on the 9th and yield much satisfaction. I am happy to find that the six town people are inclined to hear reason; and a strong table was proper: because it true that although the United States does not wish to be at variance with them, it is more from kindness towards them, than a fear of their power — I am on in want of an interpreter not having a man here I can trust. one lived from us to them — The line is begun, and about four miles of it cut out, and they are proceeding with some spirit. Governor Gayoso has been up there, about one day, on his return and departed — The packet which Adams write hand you, with the letter, addressed to Colonel Hawley is for the War Office, and must be sent to Knox Ville as soon as possible, the Indian Chiefs must take their state in their own hand — I have not been well for a few days past, which

Boy being so lengthy to you as I should otherwise be — Thomas Dykes who you will see in the Chickasaw Country, is a deserter from the Garrison of Fort Clayborne, he belongs to the Cavalry Corps — I have him safe in custody and shall send to Fort Adams by Lieut. Hanks, or to Natchez by the Westmore Sloop — Mr Hanks is unacquainted in making such a report as you mention to have come from him, and if he has done so, is highly reprehensible for it — He is not so yet, though appearances make it probable, I do the first and I still hope he will give you the fullest satisfaction —

I am with due respect

Sir Your Excellency's Most Obedient Humble Servant

Samuel Hitchcock Lieut Artillery

His Excellency Governor Gayoso

Commanding

Natchez June 28th 1798.

Sir

Your Excellency's letter of the 28th of April which was sent under cover to Colonel Hawthornwait I had the honor to receive with a Copy of Your orders to that Gentleman of the 6th of May at the same time, Duplicate, by the hands of Lieutenant Shanklin. I likewise received on the 18th Your Excellencys communications of the 28th of April with two pamphlets enclosed. By Lieutenant Porter on the 5th Inst. I have the honor to write to you and enclose copies of my letters to your Excellency of the 25th of February and 30th of March, and of all my correspondence since my arrival here, with the Spanish Officers, returning my Monthly returns from Nogales to May, all of which before now, I hope have safely reached your hand — I am hourly in hopes to hear of the arrival of Colonel Hawthornwait & the Draught Mules, although your Excellency's orders of the 6th Ultimo had superseded for a time his movements yet as his presence or that of some other superior in rank to me are in command

this has become so [illegible] necessary; I am in
to hope that this Change will soon take place
My Detachment is almost naked, especially my
Company who are so in want: and what has
back the Clothing, Medicine and Hospital Stores
this detachment; when the troops from and at
the other posts have received their Clothing, it will
-ers - It has very much injured the recruiting business
the little medicine & Hospital Stores that I have been
-ged to purchase here has cost more than would an
ample quantity of those articles for a Regiment for
same time, bought in the States. Mr Elliott has
commenced and is going on duly with the business
of opening the line, about four or five miles is cut
It is in a direct line South, about four and an half
below the present residence of Mr Daniel Clark and forty
miles South of this place - The Spaniards are not
in connexion with Mr Elliott, but embarrassments
delays on their part are frequently presenting: a few
days ago, the Governor sent a Message to the Commissioners
-ers, that he apprehended opposition would be made to the
continuation by the lower Towns Choctaws, and this is a Lan
-guage the Indians say they have received from the Spani
to hold out; as the Virginians they were told intended
take all the land to themselves above this line - I have
just received a letter from Mr Mitchell our agent in
the Chactaws, which mentions that the Uchees
a town below the Six towns had turned their Horses and
Cattle among their Corn, and were about to [illegible]
On Wednesday next I go into the Spanish dominions, to
Fort Stoddert. And I shall not be surprised if they
some Shots at the workmen on the line, or the front
of this district - and which they would not do, if they
themselves - The Spaniards are still in possession
a post on the Tombigbee and far within the limits
the United States. It is called St Stephens and
at present Commanded by a Lieutenant Ferdinand
who has about twelve men with him - The Settlement
Tombigbee about St Stephens is a Sordone, and contains

from the Cumberland Coast [illegible] Cumberland Indians who are generally well affected to the Government of Nova Scotia, and also are hunting for the protection. The Country abounds in Stock of every kind, and among a number of the Inhabitants who are wealthy, there is a Mr. John McGregor, who owns and cultivates a Farm, by the Garrison and Fort Cumberland. He is about ninety miles above the Mouth of Chignecto Basin, at which place it is said are three Settlements. One Gentleman has undertaken to go from Fort Cumberland to Quebec, and he is to be allowed a Guinea per day for his services, and all other advantage in a variety of instances, which will be mentioned to your Excellency. It is about [illegible] days march from hence to Chignecto. Inclosed herewith is a Copy of my latest Letter to the War Office, and two others from the Physicians Certificate

Copy of this by the Evening the 30th July Duplicate

Sir, I beg the utmost respect and most humble esteem, I have the honor to be, Your Excellency's Most Obedient Humble Servant Thomas Gorham

His Excellency Brigadier Genl. Wilkinson Commander in Chief of the troops of the US with a Copy of 13th of June to the Secy. of War. By the Enemy

Halifax July 3d 1780.

Sir, The bearer the young Micmacs, Attaumastubby; and John Carnes their Master have been to the Fort, but could only stay three days and nights — They have been well fed, and have the Rations fully explained to them — They now return and have received, the bearer and the Chief each a new Gun; and all three each two pounds of powder and two pounds of lead — The two Chiefs each a Duffels Blanket, and Tomahawk, two Shirts each, and a flap each. The Chief a pair of Arm bands & four pair of ear Rings — The two Sons each a pair of Wrist Bands & four pair of Rings. One Frenchman & Indian a pair each & Blanket and Shirt each. Five Days Provisions at starting — The Lads had one Duffels Blanket, two Shirts and a flap — They you to find no time for a White for I find that it is impossible to

satisfy them. It is beyond doubt but that we shall
be at Clear with France, and it behoves us to be
look out in the quarter towards Mobile — If you
a Cruiser from time to time to go to that co
then he returned Ireland alone shou[ld] be
his stay — But if he is stay long with them ab
Class, it is better not to employ them, but find
Vessel more fit for the Service — Colonel
has arrived and Commands at Pensacola —

I am Dear Sir
Your most Obedt
Humble Servt
Alexr Hamilton
Secretary

Albany July 3d 1798.

Dear Colonel Your several Letters of the 21st 23d & 2[4]th
by Lieut Hamtlin, and one Acquaintance Gran
as Well as that of the 1st Instant, Have Duly had t
honor to receive — It affords me much satisfacti
to be so near you, and learn in Yours that your
-tination was still further off — On the receipt o
Your last Letter I immediately wrote the Contractors agai
to comply with your order and what he has promis
me Shall be done — Artificers I fear are not to b
employed at Albany any Rate, or on any Work, a
to do some trifling repairs at the Barracks and
Garrison buildings here, I have been obliged to emp
Soldiers, or not have the work done. You ask me
my Dear Sir How many Months Provisions of Vege
Stores, and for the Quarter Masters Department
to be Obtained, I cannot Answer you in any other
way, than by depending on the attention and Co
of the Quarter Master General who I am sure
-pose has been made acquainted with the measures

of the troops at his quarter and has already his concerts arrangements. He sent a contingent from of two thousand five hundred Dollars here in May, about one half of this sum at that time has been anticipated, and the balance will be paying indeed when the bills now due for a duty of items are paid.

Our Medicine [illegible] Stimulants are especially here for many of our many wounds, principle [illegible] the Rock in the Atlantic States; and [illegible] is a very difficult key to those who are entrusted with this business, and who know ignorance or imbecile [illegible] proceeding in time the Chiefs — I shall always endeavor that Major can the grand Supply of anything for our aid, and appeal on any of Supply of anything from thence. And I assure you Sir [illegible] every article are as distress: Rum [illegible] we have none a few Bl Wheaten flour and others [illegible] specified, the troops who nearly [illegible] having done so since August last. The [illegible] are literally naked, my Captains more especially, and this want of Clothing has greatly [illegible] the Secretary serious — I enclose you a return of my strength of those who are entitled to Clothing; also a report including Captain Lewis's detail embracing the Infirmary guard, who are naked — Which by Lieut Colonel Ellis not made in my power to send you any, but hereafter I have sent you two days — and pray that it may contribute to continue you in health. The young man you mention who made free with your name I have been obliged to retain in his cause, for present acts of outrage — I have heard it mentioned here, that at the Falls he had spoken disrespectfully of yourself and the Government, and

(?) intended to make this a Change in his ar
(?) Captains Dunbar & Stoll join in this req
to you with those of Dear Sir, Your ve
Sincere Friend,
and most obedient
Colonel John F Hamtramck Humble Servant
Commanding at the Miffilli's

Detroit July 3d 1798.

Sir, You will proceed at Peniille, with
Sergeant, one Corporal & fourteen privates u
Your Command, in a Batt Boat, provided with
possible diligence to the Miamis Rifs, wh
arrived you will immediately wait on and
deliver your Orders to Colonel Hamtramck, or
Commanding Officer, and Require his Orders for You
to receive Clothing for the Detachment
with which you will return with due dis
Have as Your party is directed to rende
the 9th instant — I am Your Obt Sr
Humble Servant

Lieutenant
John Bowyer

Lieut Colo Commg

Sir

Natchez July 9th 1798

By the post from this place to the Creeks, and via the Cherokees Nation to Knoxville, on the 13th Ultimo I addressed you a letter — a duplicate of which is enclosed with this — nothing material has occurred since in this quarter. The Relations are still peaceable, though continue to be urged to hostility by the Spanish Emissaries in the Nation, as Mobile, and Orleans. many of their principal Men have visited here and declared their friendly disposition and intention: and their determination to discountenance the talks given them by the Commandants. Some of the Lower Town Creeks, and the Tribe called the Seminoes who have long been in the Spanish interest, I fear may be troublesome to the working party on the line as they apprehend that all the lands above this line are immediately to be surveyed by the Virginians as they term us — In consequence of which the Seminoes who inhabited the upper towns of the Creeks have destroyed their Corn and removed below, on the Coosa & Lake Pontchartrain.

Colonel Hawkins arrived at the Walnut Hills the 29th Ultimo, he found the Garrison in a very sick Condition, and without medical aid, Medicine or hospital Stores. Doctor Dorsey not having thought proper to return according to his engagement — Mr. Ellicott and his people are continuing their employment, & have got as far as Seven Miles — On the 5th instant I drew Bills on the Secretary of War for one thousand dollars in favour of William Conner. and to day in favour of Mr. John McKee for four hundred and fifty dollars in exchange for his bills for the like sum —

With the greatest Respect
I have the honor to be
Sir Your Obed. Humble Servt
Lt. Thos. Pasteur

The Honorable
James McHenry Secretary
of War United States

Natchez July 30th 1798.

Dear General,

The twenty Sixth in the evening Williamson arrived and with him your letters dated the 25th 27th & 30th Ultimo from Fort Pinckney what Could have Kept my Letters of the 25th January, Thirtieth of March, and fifth of May from your Excellency's hands untile the date of your letters, mortifies and astonishes me — By way of the Chickasaw Nation on the 23d Ultimo I had the honor to address you; a duplicate is enclosed, and goes by the same route — On the 29th Ultimo Colonel Hambrarnek arrived and took the Command at the Walnut Hills, on being informed that he had some clothing for my Detachments, an Officer and Party were immediately detached for it, which received and brought here: It is however but a very partial supply, and little more than will Complete one Company of Infantry and one of Artillery for one year — The Complaints of want of Medicine, Hospital Stores and Cooks, Money for the purposes of the quarter Masters department, and his wants, but in some few articles of Medicine, I am enable to supply — The Command are more than half down with the fever and but two Officers fit for duty — Captain Pierce after two or three weeks illness died on the 28th Instant — Of My Command whose aggregate of Commissioned and rank & file amounts to one hundred and seventy, fifty two are Sick: non-

so dangerous. The probability of your having to
pass through all the Bluffs before this reaches
you to close in assuring your Excellency that I
have in all cases, used all my efforts to effec-
tuate your Orders, and directions where and when
opportunities to any Case in this Country —

With the most respect and
esteem, I am your Excellency's
Most Humble Servt.

General Wilkinson

Sent by Mr Henry Turner with Duplicate Ciphr the 23d Octr

Natchez August 6th 1798.

My dear Colonel,

Your several letters by Lieut Bowyer
by express, by Wells & Bashford, and by Mr Williamson
I have had the honor to receive, but not with more
safe conveyance of returning acknowledging the
receipt of answering you — Captain Bradford has it is true
been some time away part of this time I have been
constrained to detain him as Judge Advocate to the Court
for the trial of Ensign Peers; he now goes to you with
pay for the troops to Compleat the last year, and
for the Officers to the first of June of the present year
and eight hundred dollars recruiting money a
mounting in the Whole to 5657 Dollars — I feel
for your situation environed with fevers and death
and sincerely wish it was in my power to alle
viate it — we are not so deadly here, but are pretty
we sufficiently Gloomy: Mr Williamson lies in my
Mess as ill as to be despaired of by those of more
skill than myself, but I have still hopes of his
recovery; I am presently assisting the remain-
ing Officers all of whom have had fortified attacks
of the reigning Billious Malady; indeed to be plain
almost unwell to hold up, and but for the dis-
pation that would follow my absence, I would

the business of Civil & military, or my friend
the Country where Good Materials would soo
bring me up — Mr Peyton will do well a
he is weak, and has relapses, yet it is deb
alone that holds him sick — he is free o
bile — You must not expose yourself to the
becomes from nine to five Oclock, and not a
all to the night air; Sleep with your Cha
windows Shut and Continue your Tast and
all will be right I hope — Mr Mitchell
Chorlace Agent has no authority to promis
such Rewards for bringing in deserters — he
been directed Nyme it is true, whenever I hav
heard of any of that description being with the In
to send them to the Hills or have leaving it en
the Commanding Officer Seattle. The Comm
Captain Wade can tell you the State of our
cine — We have a little that came down on
One Moore in the Contractors Boats, it is
no account scarcely, not but a few articles
cious — I wish for something good to eat o
drink to send you, but we are pared to the
the as well within as without doors, and the
Season will be past, before any supply of wine or fo
can well arrive — Mr. Peyton delivered your kind
presents which will decorate me only on gala
and be hung up in the Wardrobe for him to bri
each Week and decorate Chez moi, when I make
leg to the Widow Wabman — Le jeune homme
commence, Je crois, à sentir le fardeau qui
porte, aussi le porte qu'on lui fera sentir — il

Obt. Servt. selon la sentence

With Affectionate respect
Dear Colonel,
Yours
Your Obdt. Humble Servt.
Colonel Hawkins
Comm.r of Indian Affairs

Savannah August 11th 1795

Sir, Your Letter of the 29th ultimo by Adams I received on the 9th instant. I had heard by a man from Tombigbee that Colonel Hawkins had left the Creek Nation in consequence of menaces against him. This is an unfortunate circumstance at this time, and must put us the more on our guard against foreign influence. We must chuse and conciliate by every means in our power, assured from Political as other motives, that our Great friendship extending to the Creeks and them, and if judged expedient by the Government, they could without much trouble be made to divert the attention of the Creeks from other objects. I know of no Letter from Colonel Hawkins dated not since by Adams the last time. I now send you with this a Letter from Williams. I have many sick and some dying around me at which has occasioned my sending Adams back earlier. Governor Shelby writes me he is indisposed but I hope will soon recover. As by the Ordinance for the establishment of this Government the Commander in Chief of Indian affairs, all Letters on that head are to be addressed to him.

Yours

Given Orders Directions to Call on my
for the Medicine you want and believe
will obtain it—

Dupt. adm. Col. Benjamin
Hamilton - agent in Indian affairs
in Creek Nation - See date
which I have made a par-
ticular report of this Tribe
hereof—

With respect and esteem
I am Sir, Your Obedt
Humble Servt
To
Samuel Mitchell Esqr
Agent to the Choctaws

Camp near Lofties Heights Jany 13th 18

Sir,

On the 9th of July last from the Natchez
was the last communication I had the
the honor to make to you, owing to the daily
expectation of Colonel Hamilton's arrival
to take the Command at the Natchez, and the
knowledge of his being at Shoulders Bills
which place he arrived on the 29th of May—
General Wilkinson, who arrived at the Natchez
about the 25 September informed me that it
was your desire that I should continue to draw
Bills and pay the troops as before, and knowing
it to be his duty to make every communication
relative to his Command to the Secretary of War
I remained silent— Lest however you might
conceive me remiss, I now enclose to the Secretary
a Schedule of my drafts, and the dates thereof
including fifteen Thousand Dollars not yet
received, part of the sum to defray the

June 19th John McClean from Natchez in a boat, left that place the 15th inst. Says — The Spaniards at St Louis advise in march, hostilities — That an intelligent Spaniard and Dane lately came over, informs themselves deserters, that they were very pressing to come to this place with him but his suspicion of them induced him to refuse them a passage. The river Missisipi is remarkably high — June 20th —

John McClean: left Natchez the 2d of May came up to New Madrid in Mr Clerks boat. he left Mr McCoop & Hope at that place, that the Spanish Lieut in absence of Gayoso Governor & Mr Pope's party of the Chickasaw Nation were at Natchez. That Spanish Gayoso Lieut are quite from the Garrison — he says that when they first arrived at Natchez the Garrison was weak, but from 20 to 25 days after a Galley arrived and another a little below till some time in the night, when they landed 100 men & three Guns in the Garrison and a short time after 40 men from St Louis Corps also joined —

June 21. Philip Hicks of Maryland County State of Kentucky no the other bank —

June 25th Louis Legrave native of Languedoc in France, John Canton of Bearn in France, and Charles Morrell of Lyonnois, or of Lyons in France, say they are deserters from the Garrison of St Louis Illy. of Louisiana! the first a Serg.t the two others private left on the night of the 7th or 8th instant, that the Garrison was 138 men strong, but the night before he deserted two men left it & two withdrawn reduced it 133. men that the militia were not more in number than 250 at most that they did the service duely. That 3 Galleys & 2 Gun Boats were then going to St Louis — On the Ohio the Commodore Gayoso had 5 Gunboats and twelve Barks — At Louisiana are 24 pt. 2 Gun.

and 8 Levies commanded by one Bourgeau — The
Garrison consisted two hundred Guns of different Bore
(2) The Garrison consisted of Indians — That the
(3) Colonel Governor Commanded — That the Block house
Bluffs Joseph de Villa de Gozier on the Right Bank Lieu
Generalis Commanded; that the Fort
Force was then consisting 116 — That they had an
Sergt. Corporal & 2 Bombardiers — That
Gibeau was the Civil Comm. at St Louis. & Mr.
Valet was the Military Comm. with 1 Corporal &
2 Soldiers at L'Ignacien — That at St Louis
round Towers of Mason work, wall 2 feet thick
were Decking — and 20 feet distance with
the walls; that they were provided with
eight 6 pounders each, whose Calibre
was elevated 20 feet —

Captain Isaac Guion in a/c with the U.S. [illegible]

1797		Dollars	Cts
August 22d	To Cash rec.d of James Andrews for a Bill on James M.Henry Esq.r Sec.y of War at 10 Days for	500	
Sept.r 20th	To Cash rec.d of Elisha Winters for a Bill on James M.Henry Esq.r Sec.y of War at 10 Days sight for	1,000	
Octo.r 27th	To Cash of Jeremiah & Abijah Hunt for pay to the troops to be left at J. Adams on a bill on the Sec.y of War	600	
" "		Dollars	
		2100	

Dr. James O'Hara Esq.r Contractor. in Account with US
Cr. Captain Isaac Guion &c. &c. &c. following

1797		Dollars	Cents
July 20th	To Cash received of Captain Isaac Guion by your agent, in payment of Thirty four Head of Beef Cattle, for the troops of the United States	250	—
September 15th	To Cash received by your agent James Quin of Captain Isaac Guion, to defray the expences of a hired man in your employ	20	—
27th	To Cash received of Captain Isaac Guion by your agent to Ray James Colbert for ten Head of Beef Cattle for the use of the troops of the US.	214	—
Nov.r 6th	To Cash received of Captain Isaac Guion by your agent James Quin to defray expences as p.r receipts	48	—
Dec.r 7th	To Cash received of Captain Isaac Guion by your agent James Quin, to pay for Beef for the use of the troops of the US States as p.r acc.t receipt	50	—
	Dolls	1242	—

* [illegible] Esq.r [illegible] Commissioners [illegible]

James Quin [illegible] Captain Isaac Guion [illegible] Cash [illegible]

Officers Pay Account

1798.		Dolls.	Cents
Decr. 22	To Ensign Wm. Scott for his paying duty from the first of May 98. to the 22d Decr. 98	100	—
" 22	To Captain Dunbar for pay in full from January to the 1st Septem. 8 Months	320	—
" 6.	To Lieutenant Pope for pay from the 1 January 1798 to the 1st May 1798 — 5	120	—
" 6	To Lieutenant Campbell for pay from the first of January 1798 to the 1st May 98 5	120	—
" 22	To Lieut Gregg 5 Months of 1797 —	152	—
Decr. 28	To Doctor Isaac Barry for pay & Rations from 9th August to 26th October 98	92	60
" "			
Dec. 31	To Lieut. Marshall of Artillerists for pay from July 31. to Dec. 31. 1798	150	—
1799			
Jan. 14	To Lieut Elmer to Cash Lent —	50	—

94 — 8 37/100
24. 25

Wm. Jenners Account

1798.

Cr.

Aug. 15 By Stock Sheep Interest 2a

Patt Petre &
Putty
Price as Purchased
Lucas Team at St Pierres
to bring out a Bl. Mixture
Bargain with J. W or
only offer to deliver Lon
first boat at 6/4 6/9

Bl Linseed
Johns Pat Lap Mix Thos.

145
72½ 51
67½

47

145 ~ 9.
135 ~ 8 37½/100
94 ~ 5 37½
fee
24. 25/100

D.r Captain Isaac Guion in a/c

1793.		Dollars
May 12	To Cash rec.d Lieut.t S. Vance Tenny his Company thereof at F. Mifflin	1494
Octo.r 11	To Ballance of Cash rec.d on Draught, and brought from page 1	888
	Dollars	2382

with the United States — Cr.

1797		Dos	Cents
July	By duplicate pay receipt rolls and Corse receipts of his Comp.y & Capt. Guions —	1120	87
Nov.r 25.	By amount of pay on duplicate pay receipt rolls paid Capt.n Guions Company at Fort Adams. —	110	"
" "	By amount of pay on duplicate pay receipt rolls paid Captain Hills Company at Fort Adams	225	97
" "	By amount of pay on duplicate pay receipt Rolls, paid Captain Enders Comp.y of Artillerists at Ft Adams	90	"
1798	1798		
June 11	By Cash paid Lieut. Percy & Pope of Artillerists & Engineers on his duplicate receipts —	104	"
" 16	By Cash paid Edward Hinks a discharged Soldier of Captain Guions Company, in full for his services as p.r receipts —	32	"
" 19	By Cash paid James Parker a discharged Soldier of Captain Guions Company, in full for his services as p.r duplicate receipts —	34	"
Febru.y 9	By Cash advanced to Doctor George Pfeiffer on account of pay —	20	—
	Amount Carried forward —	2066	84

4 Dr Captain Isaac Guion in a/c w

1798		Dollars	Cts
Feby 1st	To Balance Brought forward from page 3	315	16
" 19	To Bill on the Secty of War in favour of Roger M.c Dillon	100	
" (1) "	Amount Carried forward	416	16

The United States, continued. 25

1797.		Dolls	Cents
March 12	By reinlistment of Thomas Dougherty, Capt. Hubs Comps bounty & premium	3 18	—
June 22. (?)	John Wood of Leycester Enlisted for Captain Hubs Co. Bounty & premium to 1798	32	—
January 2	By John Copeland enlisted, bounty & premium	16	—
" 1	By Robt. Mason's enlistment, bounty & premium	16	—
" 15	By William Wyatt enlisted, bounty & premium	16	—
" 20	By Henry Frankford & Archibald Dieldefs reinlisted, bounty & premium	3 36	—
" 21	By Henry Davies, Stephen Havens, Hugh Thompson, & Martin Mason reinlistments Bounty & premium	72	—
" 24	By Wm Allen reinlisted, Bounty & premium	18	—
" 24	By Geo Montgomery reinlisted, Bounty & prem.	18	—
" 25	By Wm Pollock, Wm Harrington, Frederick Turnham, David Walker, & Robt Smith reinlisted, Bounty & premium	90	—
" 31	By Humphry Gerry & Neil Duffie reinlisted bounty & premium	36	—
Feby 2	By Elcut Rolt, John Sparks, & Jas Gourley reinlisted, Bounty & premium	54	—
2	By John Stewart enlisted bounty & premium	16	—
3	By John Carter & Lowry Bennett reinlisted bounty & premium	3 36	—
4	By John Mc Dee reinlisted, bounty & premium	18	—
5	By Wm Burrough & Michael Sousereinlisted, bounty & premium	3 36	—
10	By Laurent Lefevre enlisted, bounty & premium	16	—
	Carried forward	544	—

5th

Dr Isaac Guion ..... in Ac

		Dolls	
1798.			
Feby 19.	To amount Brot. from Last-page	415	16
	Amount carried to page 6		

1798		Dollars	Cents
Feb'y 10.	By amount from Castpage	544	----
" 15	By John M.c Cotheter & Wm. Ward Boys &c		
" "	enlistments in the Militia of County Hancock	36	----
" 28	By amount paid Lieutenant Peirce Pope		
" "	on account of his pay, as per duplicate receipt	30	----
March 14	By amount of pay to Capt. Lewis's Comp.y		
this proper place	for May & June 1797 as per Pay Roll	416	----
March 30	By amount paid Alexander Brady		
	a discharged Soldier, for his pay from the 1st		
	of May 1797. to the 30th January 1798 in full	35	90
Idem	By Cash advanced Captain George		
	Hensler, as per Receipt, on acct. pay	40	----
March 6th	By Cash paid John Hall, Edward		
"	Wales, & Abraham Walker for bounty		
"	each for reinlisting, & premium	54	"
March 27	By Cash paid Jacob Lee for bounty for		
	reinlisting, & premium	18	"
" 9	By Cash paid Andrew Mallady for		
" "	bounty for reinlisting, & premium	18	"
" 11	By Cash paid Henry Rhoads for		
	bounty for reinlisting, & premium	18	"
" 12	By Cash paid William Potter for		
	bounty for reinlisting, & premium	18	"
" 13	By Cash paid William Jones Senior		
	for bounty for reinlisting, & premium	18	"
" "	By Cash paid Doctor George Pfeiffer		
	on Account	6	"
	Amount Carried Forward	1253	90

	Dollars	
Goodspeed Jr 2	14	
Moody	1	14 +
Nodeland	3	14 +
Daniels	4	12 x v
Hessley	5	12 +
Perry	6	11 +
Mallaby	7	12 +
Meredith	8	10 +
Robertson	9	10 +
Armstrong	10	8 +
Barrett	11	8
Bennett	12	8 +
Cavenaugh	13	6 50/100
Callaghan	14	6
Davies	15	8. +
Allen	16	8. +
Devine	17	8. +
Havens	18	8. +
Hale	19	8. +
Hazell	20	8. +
Harrington	21	8. +
Jones Sr.	22	8. + a
Jones Jun.	23	8. + a
Lynch	24	8 + a
Lacey	25	- +
Lee	26	8. +
Main	27	8. +
Mulvany	28	8. +
Montgomery	29	8. +
McDonald	30	8. +
Pollock	31	8. +
Root	32	8. +

	No	
Rockwell	38	8.
Skidmore	34	8.
Sanders	35	8.
Thompson	36	8.
Turnham	37	8.
Wright	38	8.
Walker	39	8.
Walker	40	6.
Mullen	41	6.
Fuller	42	10.
Smith	43	8.
Saxton	44	10.
Pippin	45	8.
Rhodes	46	8.

Example.

No. Good for Eight or [illegible] Dollars, payable on to
Goodspeed.
18 July 98. [illegible]

first 15. fourth. in the
2d 15 3d Solem
3d. 16 2d Solem

County Account

1790			Dollars	C
August	6.	Paid John Bodenea his [illegible]	7	
"	"	Paid Charles Scott in full &c	7	"
"	6	Paid to Daniel Morton receipt &c	7	"
"	13.	Paid to John Sorter do &c	7	"
"	"	Paid to Dennis Callaghan &c	16	—
"	21	Paid to John Crowder &c	16	—
Sept.	3.	Paid to John Allison &c	14	—
"	4.	Paid to James Robertson, Alex. McDonald Henry Taylor, Wm. Armstrong, Jam. Devine Wm. Jones & Peter Hiffle bounty &c	112	—
"	"			

...aid on Account

		Dr.	
	...de for pay of the troops	9850	
	...recruiting	300	
	...Pope on acct. of pay	16	
	...Dimbee on acct. of pay	50	
	...Stinson for public service by order to Orleans	300	
	Edwd. Evans for D.M. General	100	
	Captain Geo Dimbee for pay	22	
	Captain Bush for Subsistence	170	
	Captain Dimbee on acct. pay	246	
To	Seven Men for reinlisting (bounty)	112	
To	Anw. McGuire a Soldier for pay	56	
To	Captain Wm. Bush for recruiting	200	
To	James Stokes a Soldier for pay	32	
"	To the 2d Mr. department	114	28
"	To due Bills	259	42
"	To Lieut. Campbell	120	
"	To Lieut. Gregg for pay from 1st Aug. 1798 to the 1st Jan. 1798	153	
"	To discharged Soldiers	71	44
"	To Lieut. Pope for Grafton	18	50
"	To discharged Soldiers	70	62

Feb. 25th 1810. Day Book

Feb.	25th	Received Candles from Clark		
"	"	Medicine from Dr. Leigh on Dr. as follows viz		
"	"	Columbo root, Glacial Laudanum, Glacial oil		
"	"	of Juniper, and antibilious Pills		
		25th		
"	"	Received of Jos. McCandless by Wm. Ched		
"	"	48 pieces of Bacon and one Barrel of		
"	"	flour in deficient two pieces of Bacon. Ched		
"	"	has Barrels of flour in Store as this account		
"	"	Dr. Bacon & flour to Having paid to		
"	"	Wm. Ched		3
"	"	Dr. Jacob Vanambaugh for whisky in		1
		27th		
"	"	Bot. of Israel Leonard 10 Ears of Basket		
		of Corn on time		50
27		Dr. Thomas Kirkham Junior for Licence		20
		28th		
"	28	Bought of David Beeler on Cr. one Loaf		
		of Sugar 6lbs @ 25		1 50
"	"	One Gallon Madeira Wine	6	
		30th		
"	"	Dr. Thomas Kirkham for 23 lbs Bacon		2 53
"	"	@ 11 Cents		
		Dec. 1st		
Dec.	1	Dr. Jacob Vanambaugh to 19 lbs of Bacon @ 11 Cts.		2 12½
"	"	Cr. Jacob Vanambaugh by two Horse Bells bought for		2 50
"	"	Bought of a Dun Horse of Henry Hunt for		
"	"	an order on F. A. Lee Esqr. for one hundred		
"	"	and forty dollars payable on	140	"
"	"	the first January 1811 in		
		3d		
Dec.	3d	Bought of Israel Leonard 2 Bushels of		
		Grain Corn		1
"	"	Bought of I. Leonard 2 Bushel in grain		1
"	"	Sent one Dollar by Mr. Tatum to Jacob for Sugar		
"	"	& he had & Paid David Beeler		1

Day Book Continued

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14 Bot. 2 Bushels of Corn of L. Leonard, received back
one, & Since sold two Bushels. Thurs. one of former
order ——— 17½

19 Received four Bushels of Corn of Leonard
" Paid for Besom ——— 18

" 18 Received a Bill of Salt from D. Meeker, bond
for Transfer of Horse ——— 18

" " Received two Bushels of Corn of Leonard
——— 20

" " Cut out 19 head of the Kennedy Hogs large
& Small two of which were killed & dressed
173 lb Pork ——— 21

Killed two Hogs of the Kind & received
Credit Cash for one weighing 135 lb
Another Ditto 225 lb
Sold Mrs Ward B Penniance 145 lb
& ½ Beef 370 lb 23

31
Rec'd 3 Pounds of Corn of Leonard ——— 1

Settled Lackey & Co's Account

1871 January 4	By Cash for Cash of Account Sundries		1	Cents 11
6	Brought for Cash 2 Doz Eggs		"	37½
" 10	Brought 40 Bushels of Corn & 11 Pigs 250 lbs		20	"
" "	Received 30 of it at Shawsunk Mills			
" "	Total 11 Pigs 262 lbs Bacon @ 7½ Cents		19	65
" "	Bo. D. Butter necessaries for Family Store	" 50		
" "	" " Candles	1.50		
" "	" " Brown Sugar	2 "	4	"
Feb 6	Cr Cash Clarence for one Barrel Whiskey on order on Hopkins at the Same Date		24	"
18	Received by Davis, by his Servant Aaron Freeman for Bacon Josephus Kinney as Commissary Sgt &c		3	
"	Same Day from Mr. Logan Cattle for Blank Co.			

Natchez Feby Borrowed of Charles Ambler
on receipt paid 31 March 1798 150 Dollars

Feby Bill in favour of Roger
McQuillin 3 — 100 Dollars

March 16 Borrowed of Mr. James
Ross on receipt advisable 3 100 Dollars
" On demand paid 31 March —

May 10 Recd of F. Jones Contingents — 2111 Dollars
" " " " 144 Cents
" " Evans on Acct of Jones 432 Do
— 2269 40/100 What I Recd

May 17 Dr. Captain Wm Richard — Dollars Cents
" " paid Lewis Evans for Cane — 9 —
" " paid Lewis Evans for Straps — 6 —
June 7 For Stores to Grasse — 12 —
Paid by Capt. Wade

1798 Dr. Captain John Pierce — 80 Cents
June 7 For Stores to Grasse — 3/ " "
April 18 For Cash paid you on the Shawnee 3 — 52 — 80
Recd — 85 — 80
The estate of Captn
Pierce deceased — 8

troops at the close of the last year — & time
does not suffice to state with due correctness the
accounts of disbursements, as well as the receipts
before the General closes his dispatches by which
occasion this is forwarded to you, it should
have been done; as well as the list of Officers
sent to the Accountants Office, the amount of
which more than equals the receipts, by my
own pay Roll — No forms were ever transmitted
to me, but I continued the Forms, and which
on a comparison with those of late Clerk de
from the Accountants Office do not differ
essentially —

Be pleased sir to accept of my
grateful thanks for your friendship —
and believe me with much
Sincerity to be Your
Very Obedient
Hum. Servant
D. Smith

The Honorable
The Secretary of
War. United States

Camp at Loftus's Heights on the N
of the Mississippi, January the 3. 1

Dear Sir,

Enclosed you have a Schedule
Bills drawn by me on the Secretary of W
Since I have been on Command in this
-ter — I shall embrace the first safe
occasion to transmit one set of Vouchers o
disbursements to your Office: did time per
-mit to do it accurately, it should not
omitted — The disbursements have somewha
-ceeded the receipts a little! my own pay
rations taken in the account. I could w
to have had forms, such as You use in You
Office, sent to me: but I have not deviat
sentially as I find by Mr Boyles Book o
-ted at your Office — You will please to
draw that 15000 Dollars in favour of
Danl Clark, of the 1st of 12 Mo. is in
-tended for pay to the troops to Compleat
them for the last year, which You receiv
I have written to the Secretary by this
-veyance, and enclosed a Copy of the Ac

Please Sir, to remember me
in terms of respect

friendship to your Lady — I believe
me to be your real friend
& Obt Humble Servt.
Wm. Simmons Esqr. Lieut
Account of the Brig Defiance
of War —

Sir, Patuxent February 26th 1799.

On the 24th Instant I was honored with
Your Letter of the 3d of October 1798. acknowledging the
receipt of mine of July 9th 1798. and of the present
tion of two Bills of exchange each for five hundred
Dollars, dated July 11th and 13th in favor of Samuel
Nelson. I regret the readiness having drawn those Bills
of entering them in my Bill Book, and that the
Situation was generally for Pay to the Troops
It is impossible to specify the appropriation of the
ms arising on each draught until it be
ll settled and stated on the Paymasters Pay Roll,
Subsistence Accounts, or County receipts are to which
was disbursed — To pay the troops at the Bull
ck Hills alone, up the [redacted] hundred for
unty to reimburse must at that [redacted] required more
an five [redacted] thousand dollars, [redacted] me to draw at sight
ent times as funds [redacted] to answer the [redacted]

of future Calls — On the 17th ultimo from this [illegible]
I drew in favour of Mr. Henry Dorsey for 900 Dollars
for pay to the troops — and Yesterday, as per advice and
agreeably to the Generals order, in favor of Abijah Hamm
for two Thousand five hundred Dollars for twenty days
recruit the Troops — And this day as per advice
with each Est. for nine Thousand five Hundred Dollars
for pay to the troops in this quarter to compleat them
up to the first Instant — I have never received
any form from the Accountants Office for making
up the accounts and Rolls, but have followed as
well as my instruction and knowledge could direct
me, the Returns made by Mr. Swan —

With the greatest respect

I am Sir, I have the honor
to be Your very Obed.
Humble Servant
Thos Mifflin

The Honorable
James McHenry
Secretary of War for
the United States

Lancaster Augst. April 6th 1799

Sir,

Your Letter of Yesterday directing me, in conformity to similar orders from the War Office, to close my public accounts & have the honor to receive from the Treasury made in which the business has been delayed for want of forms in the first place, and the numerous duties of [illegible] your Excellency arrived, it has become of too great magnitude to be well done, if done hastily: I therefore request your permission to go to Philadelphia that I may in person close my public accounts of [illegible] which cannot be [illegible]

Be pleased to make done—

With great respect Sir
I have the honour to be
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Gideon Lyttleton Jr
Capt. 3 Reg.—

His Excellency
General Wilkinson

Camp at Loftus' Heights 9th May 1799

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's dispatch to General Wilkinson, by your Courier one hour since — The General having removed to the Natchez left me in Command of this Post, your dispatch is forwarded to him —

With great Consideration & respect

I have the honor to be

Your Excellency's

His Excellency
Governor De Grand Pré

Very Humble & Obt
Servt.

Loftus's Heights May 12th 1799.

Sir,

Enclosed is a discription of two Soldiers of the American Troops, who deserted from this Post last night and stole a small Skiff the property of an individual of this place. My Confidence in your Excellencys well known disposition to promote the friendly Offices between our Nations in punctually fulfilling the Treaty, as well as the Convention lately entered into between His Excellency Governor General Gayoso & General Wilkinson, induces me to hope that your Excellency will use your power to have apprehended the said Deserters, & those, that may returned agreeably to Compact — With high respect I have the honor to be Sir Your Excellency's Most Obedt Servt.

His Excellency
Governor De Grand Pré

Loftus's Heights May 13th 1799.

Sir,

Yesterday by a Mr. Porter in a Boat for Orleans, I had the honor to address Your Excellency, and convey a description of two deserters from this post, also state a small fishing Boat the dependence of a poor individual of this place - and now by Express, your Excellency will receive the description of three other deserters who left this by land previous to the first mentioned.

Whenever it may be convenient to your Excellency to send all or any of these fugitives back to their Corps, a suitable party should attend at the line of Limits to receive them on the first intimation from

You -

With high respect and esteem
I have the Honor to be Your Excellency's
Most Obed. Humble Servt.

His Excellency
Gov.r De Grand Pré.

Loftus's Heights May 14th 1799

Sir,

By your Courier, this minute arrived, I am honored with Your Excellency's favour of Yesterdays date, and packett for Genral Wilkinson which shall be forwarded to him without loss of time; equally flatter'd by the occasion which affords me an opportunity to manifest the great esteem with which

I have the Honor to be
Your Excellency's
Very Obed.t & Hum.ble
Humble Servant.

His Excellency
Governor De Grand Pré.